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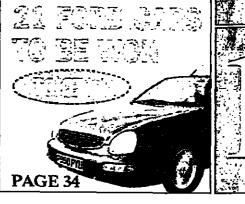
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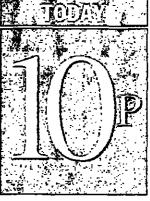


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Loyalist

pub mob

beats RUC

officer

to death

By Nicholas Watt

CHIEF IRELAND

CORRESPUNDENT

AN OFF-DUTY police constable

was beaten to death by a loyalist

mob outside a public house in Ballymoney, Co Antrim, early

As the Royal Ulster Constabu-

lary came to terms with the first

murder of a policeman by loyal-

ists in years, the IRA ended a

month-long unofficial ceasefire

by abandoning a van packed with 1,000lb of explosives in the

Poleglass area of West Belfast.

Army bomb disposal experts

carried out a controlled explo-

The weekend incidents left Tony Blair facing an enormous challenge in his efforts to salvage

the Northern Ireland peace

Police arrested a number of

men in connection with the murder of Constable Greg Tay-lor, 4l. who was married with

The constable was beaten to

death outside Kelly's Bar in

Ballymoney after a row about the

RUC's decision to block a Protes-

tant parade in the nearby village

At least seven men jumped on

him and stamped on his head as

fellow loyalists held back friends.

including another off-duty police

officer. When someone asked for

help a mob shouted: "He doesn'

Security sources said last night

that members of a loyalist flute

band, who were thrown out of the

pub after abusing Constable

Taylor and his friends over the banned Dunloy parade, lay in wait for him outside the pub. As

The murder of Constable Tav-

lor and the attempted IRA bomb-

ing will cast a shadow over the

talks and will fuel fears that

Northern Ireland is on the verge of a repeat of the widespread disturbances during last sum-

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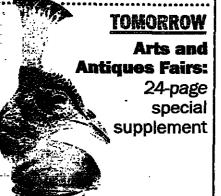
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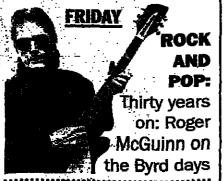
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# Disaster for Chirac as the Left romps home

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE Left won a convincing victory in the French parliamentary elections last night, overturning the massive majority enjoyed by the Centre-Right and ushering in an unpredictable era of power-sharing between a Socialist-led government and the conservative President Chirac. The result also raised fresh doubts about a single European

Moments after voting ended, the polling organisation CSA predicted that the combined Left, made up of Socialists, Communists and other left-wing parties. would win about 310 seats in the 577-seat parliament, with 264 for the Centre-Right coalition.

The extreme-Right National Front was tipped to gain two seats, its first parliamentary representation since 1988, while the Greens were expected to win their first seat ever.

Two other polling groups pre-dicted that the Socialists would win a majority in the French National Assembly without Communist support, making it almost certain that Lionel Jospin will become the next Prime Minister. Alain Juppé, the unpopular Prime Minister who agreed to step down last week in an attempt to stave off defeat, conceded less than an hour after the

He said: "We did not manage to convince the French people that we were going in the right direction. The people have spoken. Their decision is sovereign. We all respect it. I wish good luck to those who will now govern France and I wish good luck to

M Chirac called the snap election nearly a year early in an attempt to secure a renewed



"Irs a bit odd watching something French without Gerard Depardieu"

parliamentary mandate in the run-up to European economic and monetary union. But the decision turned out to be the most costly and ill-advised gamble of his career. He now faces up to five years of power-sharing with a hostile Government after the voters' emphatic rejection of his austerity policies, higher taxes and record unemployment.

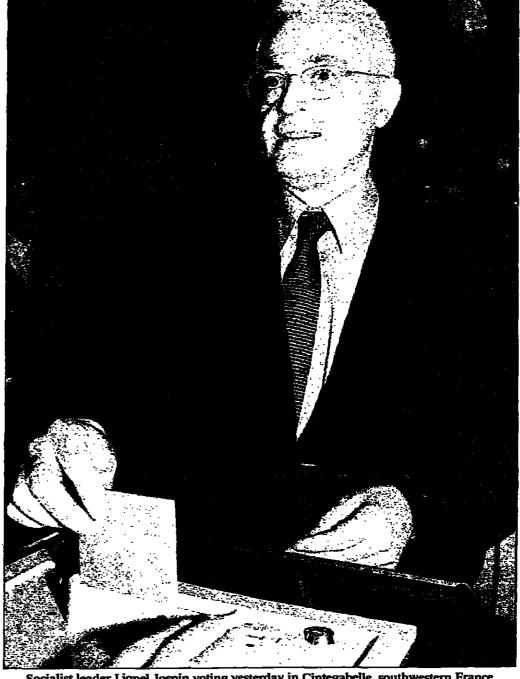
M Jospin has sought to play down fears that a Left-Right "cohabitation" would critically weaken the country and has insisted that France would still join a single European currency. But the result leaves the future of EMU hanging in the balance, since his party has urged a flexible interpretation of the Maastricht Treaty requirements and ruled out further cost-cutting to meet them. The Communists campaigned vigorously against the single currency.

Although France experienced two periods of power-sharing under President Mitterrand, the Socialist victory may provoke a prolonged period of political instability. M Chirac, whose presidential term has five more years to run, cannot call another election for at least a year, but if he appears sufficiently weakened the Left may try to force an early presidential election.

The Centre-Right had pinned its hopes on a high turnout, after il per cent of voters shunned the ballot box in the first round last Sunday, but almost as many people abstained again yesterday. This is a clear failure, we have to recognise that," Bernard Pons, outgoing Transport Minister and a close confidant of M Chirac, said.

M Juppé was ousted after the first round and the Eurosceptic Speaker Philipe Seguin brought in as the coalition figure-head. He appealed to France not to return to the "ghosts of the past". But his public reservations on EMU and his emphasis on social policies could not turn the tide.

Under the French constitution, the division of powers in a "cohabitation" is sufficiently vague to presage a prolonged struggle between M Chirac and M Jospin, who competed for the presidency in 1995, over the control of government policy. Presidents have traditionally claimed the right to oversee foreign policy, but whether the single currency project would fall into that category is a matter for discussion - and almost certain-



Socialist leader Lionel Jospin voting yesterday in Cintegabelle, southwestern France

A mood of the deespest pessi-mism swept the Gaullist headquarters in Paris even before polls closed last night, as the President summoned his leading collaborators to watch the results

at the Elysée Palace.
The outcome was a bitter personal defeat for M Chirac, who arrived in power as one of the strongest presidents of the Fifth Republic and who last night became one of the weakest. The National Front leader,

Jean-Marie Le Pen, said that the President should resign. This is not a defeat, it is a disaster. Jacques Chirac has been beaten twice, in votes on the first round and in seats on the second. He played double or quits and lost. He should draw the consequences and hand his mandate back to the people."

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evacuation in Sierra Leone. Remate Conteh is thought to be

among 200 people flying home this morning on an aircraft chartered by the Foreign Office to Britain.

hotel manager who found her assembled with others in the Mammy Yoko hotel in Freetown. made arrangements for her to join the last group to be airlifted to safety. She was accompanied by Vanessa Schillaci, his American girlfriend, on one of the last helicopters to the USS Kearsage,

#### Goldsmith family at hospital bedside

Sir James Goldsmith's family were at his bedside in a hospital near Paris. The billionaire busi-nessman and founder of the Referendum Party, who is 64, is critically ill with pancreatic

Sir James's third wife, Lady Armabel, was joined by his daughter Jemima Khan, who flew in from Pakistan ..... Page 3

#### Clarke backed

Michael Heseltine endorsed Kenneth Clarke in the Tory leadership contest while Baroness Thatcher urged the three right-wing candidates to form a

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#### Blair calls on single mothers By LIN JENKINS capital of neighbouring Guinea. Mr Crooks said his girlfriend

By ANDREW PIERCE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR will go to a rundown south London council estate today to challenge Britain's 800,000 jobless single mothers and the young unemployed to enrol at job centres and defeat welfare dependency.

Mr Blair, who has launched a wide-ranging social security spending review, will make clear that it will be unacceptable for unemployed people to continue to draw benefit if they reject place-ments on work training or education schemes. He will urge single parents without jobs to go to government employment office centres to enrol for training courses. "We want to help them to help themselves," he will say.
While there will be no reference to compulsion in the speech, his first outside Westminster

since he became Prime Minister,

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#### Child stranded after coup flies to Britain which took 31 Britons to Conakry

A TWO-YEAR-OLD girl is ex-pected to be be reunited with her British parents today after being abandoned amid the chaos of the

rescue British nationals. The toddler was found wandering among hundreds of refugees waiting to be repatriated last Friday after the military coup. She had her British passport strung around her neck and £80 in cash in her pocket with the business card of a person in

Roger Crooks, the American

Angela and Michael Conteh were among 161 Britons who arrived back on Friday on charter flights. The Foreign Office said yester-

had since placed Remate in the care of another Briton. He would

not say whether the name on the

card was that of a parent, but a

couple with the same surname -

day they had traced the girl's mother in London. "Both she and we believe the girl is in good hands and likely to be travelling on the charter flight to Stansted."

Members of the Sierra Leone community in Britain have of-fered to look after her child if her

parents are not among those already evacuated. Mussar Conteh, who works for Christian Aid in Milton Keynes, said: "My heart goes out when I hear on the World Service what is happening and if there is any way we can help this little girl we will."

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# Thatcher renews feud with Heseltine

RIVALRY between Baroness Thatcher and Michael Heseltine, who ended her reign as Prime Minister, reignited vesterday in the battle

for the Tory leadership. The former Prime Minister has intervened for the first time to urge the three rightwing candidates to form a pact to ensure only one fights in the second round to stop Kenneth Clarke's campaign gaining unstoppable momentum.

But Mr Heseltine, who has never been forgiven by the Thatcherites, publicly en-dorsed Mr Clarke. He also confronted Lady Thatcher by warning MPs not to be wooed

into a "stop Ken" campaign. Relations between Lady Thatcher and Mr Clarke, an

been cool since he became the first Cabinet minister to tell her she should resign in 1990. Friends of Lady Thatcher maintained yesterday that she was not motivated personally.

"She is an admirer of Ken's political skills," one said last night. But she fears he would back a single currency and cede further sovereignty to

The former Prime Minister has made clear that she will not publicly endorse any of the three right-wingers, Peter Lilley, Michael Howard and John Redwood, who have all ruled out, in principle, joining the single currency.

But her intervention behind the scenes reflects growing concern on the Tory Right at the strength of the Clarke

Old rivalries have resurfaced in the Tory leadership contest with the former Prime Minister attempting to block Kenneth Clarke's challenge. Andrew Pierce reports

campaign. Mr Clarke, who move out into the country was the architect of the former. government's wait-and-see policy on the single currency. vesterday received a further boost when Sir Norman Fowler, the former party chairman, publicly backed him. "He has one of the best temperaments of any politician today. He is entirely unflappable. In short, he has all the qualities that a leader of the Conservative Party needs,"

The Clarke campaign will

when it sends out 1,000 copies of a video in which Mr Clarke. flanked by Mr Heseltine and Douglas Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary, spells out his vision for the future.

Mr Heseltine, in an article in The Sunday Times, inforiated the Eurosceptics by warning that the party would split unless they dropped their campaign to rule out British entry into a single currency. "Unity requires mutal tolerance and respect. Keeping

options open on Europe is part of that process." In an interview on BBC Radio 4's The World This Weekend, Mr Heseltine told MPs not to seek a "negative, stop Clarke" strategy because he might be a long way ahead in the first ballot. "That is not the way to win popular esteem, to com-

mand the heights," he said. Mr Clarke was "at one" with the party on the "vast range" of European issues except the single currency, said Mr Heseltine. But this issue was "not absolutely at the mainstream of what we will be discussing almost certainly at the next election."

But the three right-wing camps believe that Mr Hesetline's comments and the intervention by Lady Thatcher could harden opinion against Mr Clarke. Some of Mr Clarke's allies feared it could strengthen the appeal of William Hague, whom they fear in a final run-off.

One close ally of Lady Thatcher said: "She is like a number of us: she is anxious that after the first ballot we should rally behind one person to ensure a right-wing candidate succeeds. Ken Clarke is her big worry. Ken Clarke stands for everything she fought against on Europe. He is Geoffrey Howe but with a pint of bitter instead of a glass of whisky. This is not just about the single currency. It is about the whole issue of closer integration in Europe."

William Rees-Mogg, page 20

### Camelot directors to be warned over licence

The directors of Camelot will be warned today by Chris Smith, the National Heritage Secretary, to give up hage bonus payments or risk losing their National Lottery licence. Mr Smith has asked civil servants to calculate the costs to the taxpayer and to good causes of terminating the contract, which expires in 2001. Sources at the Department of National Heritage emphasised that nothing had been ruled out although the cost of ending Camelot's licence would probably be prohibitive. The directors will be told that the public is furious at the 40 per cent rise in boardroom pay last year when profits and payments to Winning numbers, page 24

#### Another E. coli victim dies

An elderly victim of last year's E. coli 0157 outbreak in central Scotland died yesterday, bringing the death toll in the outbreak to 20. The woman died in Bankview musing home, where she lived, in Banknock, near Falkirk, Forth Valley Health Board said. She had been confirmed as having the infection during the outbreak that hit Scotland in November and December, and did not fully recover. There have been six deaths in the nursing home.

#### More MPs to hear call-up

Members of Parliament are to be offered a greater chance to spend time with the Army, Navy and RAF as part of a campaign to expose them to life in the Armed Forces. The Government is considering at least doubling the number of MPs who go on the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme. At present eight volunteer MPs are dispatched to the three services for 21 days every year. The MPs are expected to take part in all aspects of military life.

#### Hurd misses out on Master

Douglas Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary, is thought to be out of the running to replace Sir Michael Atiyah as Master of his alma mater, Trinity College, Cambridge. It is not, as has been suggested, because dons do not consider him intellectual enough, but because the Master of the university's richest college, who is appointed by the Queen on the Prime Minister's advice, traditionally retires at 70. Mr Hurd will be 68 at his next birthday.

#### Murder link investigated

Police investigating the murders of Lin and Megan Russell in Chillenden, Kent, last July have been informed of another hammer attack 30 miles away. A woman threatened by a man with a hammer in an apple orchard near Strood at the weekend managed to escape. A police source said: "Because a hammer was used, any links to the Chillenden case will be examined."

#### Species controls tightened

Europe-wide rules came into force yesterday banning or tightening controls on trade in more than 25,000 species of animals, birds and plants. The European Wildlife Trade Regulation will stiffen controls at the EU's common external frontier and require individual member states to bring in tougher national laws against wildlife crime or face prosecution in the European Court of Justice.

#### Computer traces drug trail

A computer system to track South American drug cartels and international money launderers in the Caribbean is being set up by police and the Foreign Office. The network will target traffickers and their cargoes in the British dependencies of Anguilla, the Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Bermuda and Montserrat, which are known conduits for drugs into America and Britain.

#### Call for free eye tests

More than 150,000 people in Britain do not know they are suffering from glaucoma, a disease that could make them go blind the Royal National Institute for the Blind, launching an awareness campaign, said half a million people over 60 did not have regular eye tests because of the cost. The charity called for free tests for over-60s and Afro-Caribbeans aged over 25, who are at high risk.

#### Divorcees escape equity trap

A recovery in the property market is leading to an increase in the number of divorce applications, according to solicitors and estate agents. Couples who agreed to divorce several years ago, but had to keep their homes because of negative equity, are now able to proceed. Mortage lenders report a rise in the number of requests by couples to transfer title deeds from two names to one.

#### Attacks close care centres

One in ten day-care and residential centres for people with mental health problems have been forced to close over the past five years because of attacks, graffiti and hate mail campaigns by the local community, says the mental health charity MIND. Nearly one in three planned centres have been abandoned over unjustified public fears that the centre users would be violent or paedophiles.

#### Garden train track derailed

A model train enthusiast has been ordered to remove the miniature steam railway built for his grandsons behind his home in Shiplake Bottom, Oxfordshire. South Oxfordshire District Council says the land, bought by Geoff Manuing. 54, for £3,000, must be restored to woodland, "If I had to return it to its previous condition I'd need a lorry load of old mattresses to chuck in it," Mr Manning said.

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# 'Political' make-up of Whitehall increases

By Valerie Elliott, whitehall editor

THE number of political appointments in the Government has been increased by a third, from 40 to 60 posts. Tony Blair will announce today amid Conservative determination to press for a Commons debate on the issue.

The prime minister may be able to fend off his critics with the appointment of Rachel Lomax, Permanent Secretary at the Welsh Office and former pupil of Cheltenham Ladies

College, to the key post of

set up the SDP

ber 10 policy unit. By selecting a civil service high-flyer to one of the most influential posts in government. Mr Blair would be able to argue that his government was not made up of Labour placemen.

Government sources confirmed that Mrs Lomax, 51, a former vice-president of the World Bank in Washington. had been involved in discussions about the role and was expected to transfer from the Welsh Office, a post she has held for just under a year. Mrs Lomax has been prominent in recent Whitehall discussions about devolution and had worked on a draft bill on the proposals for Wales in advance of Labour's election

Mr Blair has been looking for an overall head for the policy unit for some time. The search turned to the higher ranks of the civil services after a small number of business people rejected the post because the salary was not

Mrs Lomax, who is divorced with two adult sons, has been frequently canvassed for senior government posts and has also been named as a possible successor to Sir Ter-



ence Burns, Permanent Secretary at the Treasury, and to Sir Robert Butler, the Cabinet Secretary. A move to head Mr Blair's expanded policy directorate, which is to focus on longer term strategy, would not preclude her from future promotion

She presently earns between E95,000 and E99,999 a year at the Welsh Office but the head of the No 10 policy unit can earn up to £154,000. Mrs Lomax earned her reputation at the Treasury, which sheionned as an economist at 23 after gaining a first in history at Girton College, Cambridge, and a second degree at the London School of Economics. While her sons were small

years but when she returned full time she was determined to show her colleagues she was not slacking and accepted the strenuous role as Principal Private Secretary to the former Chancellor, Nigel Lawson.

She impressed ministers and colleagues and rapidly rose through the Treasury ranks and as a deputy secre-tary she was seconded to the Cabinet Office where she worked alongside Sir Robin Butler at the heart of the government machine.

night government sources were predicting an early announcement that she was to head a team of 15 policy advisers, who include David Miliband, a former policy aid to Mr Blair in opposition, who has already been appointed policy director. "Mr Blair wants his new team to plan longer term strategy and to focus on a second term in office and the next election manifesto," one said.

Mrs Lomax is described as very, very clever, hard-headed and businesslike". She is prepared to fight her corner and can sometimes antagonise colleagues. But Whitehall sources also said last night she had survived a particuarly bitter divorce seven years ago from her former husband. Michael, whom she met at Cambridge and was particuarly close to her two sons, Thomas, a doctor, and

Daniel, a disc-jockey. Other figures recruited to

the policy team include Derek Scott, a former economic adviser to Mr Blair, who also worked as special adviser to former chancellor Denis Hea-ly, in the Callaghan administration, and Roger Liddle, who is to work on European policy

Mr Liddle, a former founder of the Social Democratic Party in 1982, also worked as a special adviser to Bill Rodgers, now Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank in the last Labour government and last year was a son of a book on New Labour thinking. Last week he re-signed his consultancy job with Prima Europe and is to start work at Downing street

# Black tie may be out but the Budget red box stays

By James Landale, political reporter

GORDON BROWN is to keep the tradition of carrying the Budget statement to the House of Commons in a battered red box, first used by William Gladstone in 1860.

Close aides to the Chancellor of the Exchequer denied reports that he was planning to exchange the scuffed scarlet leather box for a more modern and practical briefcase. The old brass-handled box is heavy and can contain only a few papers.

After Mr Brown's recent

refusal to wear black tie at a speech to the City, there had been fears that he was intending to make further changes to other traditions surrounding his job. Aides said Mr Brown had not once mentioned scrapping the red box. "I think the Chancellor is more interested in what is in his Budget than what his Budget speech is in," one said.

Mr Brown will be unable to continue one tradition: because he is unmarried he will not be able to stand outside II Downing Street with his wife as he holds the Budget box up for the media before heading to the Commons.

Mr Brown will today end weeks of speculation and announce the date of his first Budget in a written answer to the House of Commons. His aides refused to confirm or deny reports that it will be held on Wednesday July 2.

The date would break with the tradition that a Budget is always held on a Tuesday. However, it would allow Tony Blair time to return to Britain from attending ceremonies marking the handover of

she worked part time for seven

Hong Kong to China on July 1.

Many Budget traditions
were created by Gladstone in the second half of the 19th century. Gladstone delivered a series of Budget speeches in the 1850s and 1860s and established the pivotal role of the financial statement as an an-Aides confirmed that, unlike

his predecessor Kenneth Clarke Mr Brown would be unlikely to drink alcohol during his Budget.

#### Ulster

Continued from page I mer's marching season. Amid the backdrop of the sudden intensification in violence, the Prime Minister will hold his first meeting today with George Mitchell, the Ameri-can senator who is chairman of the multi-party talks.

The two men will meet for 30 minutes in Downing Street before Mr Mitchell returns to Belfast for the resumption of the talks at Stormont tomorrow after a two-month break, The negotiations were adjourned in March to allow Northern Ireland's political parties to fight the general and local elections.

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, condemned the murder of Constable Taylor. He joined the RUC in 1974, and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal. He had three children, including a nineyear-old son who has cerebral

# Blair visits jobless

Downing Street sources insist nothing has been ruled out of the review.

Frank Field, the Social Security Minister and a key fig-ure on the welfare-to-work Cabinet sub-committee masterminding the proposed changes, is pressing for single parents with children at school who reject suitable offers to lose benefit.

A Downing Street source "Long-term solutions will be part of the wider review." However, there are no immediate plans to "haul" single mothers in for interviews. "It is not a gun on the back of the head to say come in or get your benefit stopped. At this stage it is offering help to get the problem looked at."

Labour leftwingers will be anxious about the threat of compulsion. One who declined to be named said: "We need more carrot and the prospect of less stick." But ministers are confident nine out of ten of the 800,000 jobless single mothers would go back to work if the opportunities were there.

Projects would be launched in conjunction with the business community to try to ease such a return, including schools opening later to provide American-style homework evenings. Lottery money could be made available.

Downing Street confirmed that the welfare reforms dominated the discussions between the Prime Minister and President Clinton last week. In his speech Mr Blair will

make clear that everyone, not just the Government, has to face up to their responsibilities in his drive to "give them the will to win. Making Britain one nation was ... a job for everyone."

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### Friends concerned for Referendum Party leader

# Family flies to bedside of cancer-hit Goldsmith

BY ANDREW PIERCE

THE family of Sir James Goldsmith, who is critically ill with cancer, yesterday gathered at his bedside at a hospital near Paris. His third wife, Annabel, has been joined there by his daughter, Jemima Khan, who flew in from Pakistan.

Sir James, 64, a billionaire businessman, first suffered pancreatic cancer in 1985 but its recurrence was kept secret during the six-week election campaign when he formed and led the Referendum Party. A handful of his closest friends knew and contingency plans were made in case his health failed during his taxing tour of the country. On one occasion, he collapsed in a helicopter after canvassing in Folkestone, having undergone chemotherapy. He was in acute pain for much of the time but refused to heed advice to slow down and fulfilled all his speaking

engagements. Friends were deeply con-cerned about his condition last night. One said: "I think it is very bad. He is a hero. He fought that campaign, having confided in only a handful of people, despite the most chronic pains. But the cam-

paign took it out of him."
The friends believe the secret illness was a galvanising factor behind his decision to set up the Referen-



Sir James and wife, Annabel: the billionaire's health has been in question for a decade

dum Party. "He wanted desperately to put Europe at the heart of national debate. He achieved that during the election campaign. I think the cancer stiffened his resolve to

The financier, who amassed his vast fortune as a corporate raider, having been responsible for some of the most audacious financial coups of the century, invested more than £20 million of his own personal fortune into the Referendum Party. The health of Sir James, an imposing figure at 6ft 4ins, has been in question since 1987 when he was diagnosed as having diabetes, retired in 1989. But he soon co-founded a political party in France. It started with

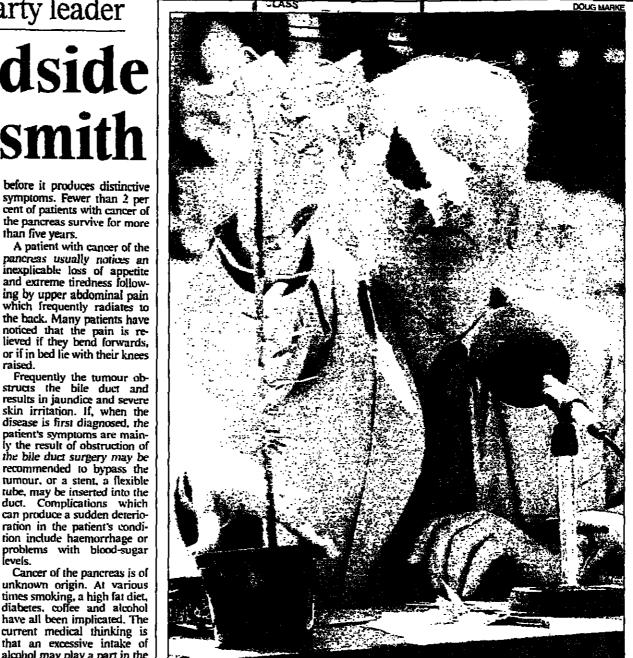
A patient with cancer of the nancreas usually notices an

than five years.

inexplicable loss of appetite and extreme tiredness following by upper abdominal pain which frequently radiates to the back. Many patients have noticed that the pain is re-lieved if they bend forwards, or if in bed lie with their knees Frequently the tumour ob-

skin irritation. If, when the disease is first diagnosed, the patient's symptoms are mainthe result of obstruction of the bile duct surgery may be recommended to bypass the tumour, or a stent, a flexible tube, may be inserted into the duct. Complications which can produce a sudden deterioration in the patient's condition include haemorrhage or problems with blood-sugar

Cancer of the pancreas is of unknown origin. At various times smoking, a high fat diet, diabetes, coffee and alcohol have all been implicated. The current medical thinking is that an excessive intake of alcohol may play a part in the origins of the tumour in a small number of cases but this is not the cause in the majority



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Geoffrey Smith at the recording of Gardeners' Question Time yesterday

#### Radio 4 perennial celebrates 50 years

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

THE BBC's hardiest perennial, Gardeners' Question Time, celebrated its liftieth anniversary yesterday with a special recording in an amphitheatre in the National Forest, a vast woodland restoration scheme in the Midlands.

The programme, known affectionately by its fans as GQT, was first broadcast on April 9, 1947, from the Broadoak Hotel, Ashton under Lyne, near Manchester. The original panel was made up of Bill Sowerbutts. who stayed for 30 years. Fred Loads, Tom Clark and Dr E.W. Sansome.

In 1994 the entire panel of experts defected from Radio 4 to commercial radio. The resident voices of the day, Dr Stefan Buczacki, Daphne Ledward, Fred Downham. Sue Phillips and Bridget Moody, moved to Classic FM to start the Classic Gardening Forum.

Three years on the Classic FM programme has a weekly audience of 450,000, well below the 1.3 million who tune in each week to GQT. which is now led by Geoffrey Smith. Pippa Green-wood. Bob Flowerdew. Anne Swithinbank and the chairman Eric Robson. The recording will be broadcast this Sunday.

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# Critics line up to kick Channel 5 soccer into touch

By Adrian Lee

CHANNEL 5's attempts to improve its audience share by spending more than £1 million to screen England's World Cup match in Poland appeared yesterday to have backfired, as critics lined up to

attack its coverage. Kenneth Wolstenholme. who commentated on Enumph and gave the nation the expression "They think it's all over - it is now", described the coverage as a disaster. He said: "If England had taken the game as frivolously as Channel 5, they would be out of the World Cup." It was, he added, "an amateur night

was a succession of spotty kids who were naive, to say the

Other pundits were equally astringent. David Emery, writing in the Mail on Sunday, said that Channel 5 stuffed its studio with B-list celebrities and "must im-prove" to keep faith with the tans. Kevin Mitchell, of The Observer, said the coverage was bedevilled by youthful

Millions of armchair fans were also disappointed. At least a third of the country remains without Channel 5 and in blackspots, including much of Kent, Hampshire, Sussex, central Wales and Cumbria. Eric Boyland, of Havant, Hampshire, was one of millions who had to wait for highlights later BBCl. We can't get Channel 5 in this area at all. I follow football and it's the sort of game that I think

should be available." Fans in the Portsmouth area described reception as "not

Although the channel's coverage attracted a peak audience of five million viewers, by far the largest in its short history, it still fell far short of the audience ratings usually channels. Industry sources said that BBCl could have expected an audience of about nine million had it secured the

rights for the game. David Elstein, chief execu-tive of Channel 5, said the viewing figures for the World Cup qualifier exceeded expec-tations. "The decision to bid for this match was made last year and has been fully vindicated." It was a demonstration of the station's potential, he

> Titanic battle, page 25 Matthew Bond, page 26



Wolstenholme: said the coverage was a disaster

#### **School for** cricketing heroes may lose home

two per cent in the polls, ended

up with 13 per cent and he won

a seat in the European

He has had an unconven-

tional love life, with a wife in

London and mistress in Paris

Cancer of the pancreas

attacks men twice as often as

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55 (Dr Thomas Stuttaford

writes). In 80 per cent of cases

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the head of the gland, which

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Nine out of ten cases of

pancreatic cancer are inopera-

ble by the time it is diagnosed

as it spreads not only locally

but to distant parts of the body, in particular the liver.

parliament.

and eight children.

By Adrian Lee

THE 119-year old Surrey cricket club where the England prodigies Ben and Adam Hollioake learned to bat and bowl could lose its home.

The players of Send, which has won a reputation as a breeding ground for stars of the future, have been told that their lease is unlikely to be end of this season. Protracted negotiations with the landowner, Mary Foulston, have ended in deadlock.

The Hollicake brothers played for the club's colts team and Adam, 26, is still a registered member who occasionally pads up for Send. He is remembered for hitting 172 runs off 14 overs at the ground. Ashley Giles, of Warwickshire, another England international, also cut his teeth at the club, which was founded in 1878. Send now faces merging with neighbouring Horsley to survive.

Keith Elliot, a first team member, said: "Every other landlord we've had has been proud to have a club like ours on their premises but Mrs Foulston doesn't appear to be interested.

Adam Hollioake, who was selected yesterday for the Eng-land squad for the first Test against Australia, said: "I still keep in touch with all the boys down at Send. They're a great bunch of guys and hopefully

they can stay at the ground."

The club hopes that the emergence of the Hollioakes this season may persuade Mrs Foulston to reconsider. She refused to comment yesterday.

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Cecilia Bartoli prizes two instruments above all others. by her own voice. "I'd never been Her voice and her Rolex.



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# Office bully turns electronic mail into a silent menace

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

relevant, more than 50 per cent had received "flame

mails" - abusive or critical

messages. Men are more of-

ten the victims, and the perpe-

trators, of flame-mail. Men

are five times more likely than

women to send them, and

roughly twice as likely to

receive them.
One in 70 of the respondents said they had left their job to avoid abuse. The more

common response (31 per cent) was to respond with a

The evidence is that rela-

tionships are damaged by the

anonymity of abusive messages. Nearly a third of re-spondents had stopped com-

municating with a colleague

or felt like doing so, while

similarly abusive reply.

THE office bully has found a powerful new way to make his victims feel small - electronic mail. Sophisticated systems designed to ease communication are being used to hector and harass, a

survey has shown.
The survey, carried out by the software company Novell, is believed to be the first to measure the uses to which electronic mail is put Jacqui Forrest. Novell's marketing development manager, said: We were amazed that 94 per cent of respondents said they wasted up to an hour a day reading and responding to irrelevant messages. We were also surprised that more than also surprised that inter than half said they regularly re-ceived abusive messages." The survey, involving tele-

phone interviews with 1,043 people and carried out by Ronin Research Services, examined only internal systems

and excluded e-mail sent via nearly half said electronic messages had reduced face-tothe Internet. Although more than three quarters said electronic mesface communication. sages were very useful and

Middle managers were the worst offenders. "Managers never have time to talk you through a problem or explain what you should be doing differently," one respondent

Ms Forrest said the problem was that companies had introduced messaging systems without any agreed procedures and protocols. Often staff were told to take any complaints about mistreatment to their immediate manager. "But if the manager is the perpetrator, that is very difficult" she said.

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'Those who governed failed people,' Prime Minister tells 150th commemoration of tragedy

# Blair blames Britain for Irish famine deaths

CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

TONY Blair has moved to heal one of the greatest wounds in Anglo-Irish history by criticising Britain for allowing a million people to die in the Great Famine.

In the strongest statement by any Prime Minister on the disaster. Mr Blair said that the Government of the time "failed their people" while the famine ravaged Ireland. His statement, read out to a weekend concert in Co Cork marking the 150th anniversary of the tragedy, was hailed last night by John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister.

Mr Bruton said: "While the statement confronts the past honestly, it does so in a way that heals for the future. The Prime Minister is to be complimented for the thought and care shown in this statement."

Mr Blair's message of rec-onciliation was read by the Irish actor Gabriel Byrne to more than 15,000 people at the Great Irish Famine Event in Millstreet. Co Cork. In his statement Mr Blair said: "The famine was a defining event in the history of Ireland and of Britain. It has left deep scars. That one million people should have died in what was then part of the richest and most powerful nation in the world is something that still causes pain as we reflect on it

"Those who governed in London at the time failed their people through standing by while a crop failure turned into a massive human tragedy. We must not forget such a dreadful event.

Mr Blair paid tribute to the descendants of the famine emigrants who fled to Britain. He said: "Britain in particular



Candles for the Great Famine victims at the commemoration concert in Millstreet, Co Cork, at the weekend: a million died of starvation after the potato crops failed

from the skills and talents of Irish people, not only in areas such as music, the arts and the caring professions but across the whole spectrum of our political, economic and social

The famine, which claimed the lives of more than a million people between 1845 and 1850, is still a highly sensitive issue in Ireland and has left a bitter legacy in Anglo-Irish relations. Historians agree that the British Government could not be held solely responsible for the

When the potato crop failed through blight every year between 1854 and 1850, food was shipped to Ireland by the Government and charities but the profitable export of grain and cattle was allowed to continue. As wealthy farmers

tenants starved to death and London was widely accused of doing too little too late by way

Ireland lost a quarter of its eight million population in six years. In addition to the million who perished in Ireland, a million fled abroad to North America, Australia and New Zealand. Thousands died in horrific conditions reaching their destinations.

Mr Blair's statement stopped short of the formal apology demanded by some Irish politicians. However, his remarks were seen by observers as a conciliatory gesture and another sign of the Prime Minister's determination to reach out to both traditions in Ireland.

The weekend famine concert in Millstreet featured some of the greatest names in and landowners profited, their Irish music, including Van

Morrison and the Chieftains. although one group, the Hothouse Flowers, refused to appear, saying a rock concert was no place to commemorate the dead.

Mary Robinson, the Irish President, received a standing ovation on Saturday night when she lit a candle in memory of the dead.In a moving speech the President said: "Commemorating the Great Famine is a moral act of remembering and of honouring by our generation.

A hungry and demoralised people becomes silent. In the last three years in commemorating the famine we have been breaking that silence." In a pre-recorded interview

shown on a giant video screen President Clinton described the famine as the "greatest disaster" in the hist-



# **Viewers** urged to vote for the BBC

By AUDREY MAGEE IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH television has become an election issue in ireland, where three candidates standing for parliament are calling for the restoration of cheap-rate viewing of BBC and ITV:

The candidates in Waterford, Tipperary and Donegal are attracting strong support in homes recently deprived of British television channels in a legal dispute over transmission rights. Since April about 100,000 households in rural Ireland have been cut off enough to cause disruptive ripples in voting patterns on polling day next Friday.

Dermot Kirwan, 31, Community TV candidate, is putting up a strong fight for one of the four seats in Waterford. He runs a "deflector" company, which uses tall masts to pick up and bounce BBC and ITV signals to homes in Waterford. He is not licensed to do so and does not pay royalties or subscriptions to the British broadcasters. The result is cheap television, with subscribers paying about £35 a year for the service.

In April the High Court ruled in favour of licensed cable and satellite suppliers. which charge more than £100 a year. The court declared that Mr Kirwan and the unlicensed suppliers in 12 of the 26 counties were illegal and should be closed. Householders now receive only the three RTE channels.

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"It is a very serious issue," Mr Kirwan said. "People have been used to getting good quality television and now they are left with RTE. It is as if they have given up the drink and are suffering withdrawal." He is portraying himself as a community worker fighting on behalf of the people to "break the monopoly" of the licensed operators, the biggest of whom is Tony O'Reilly. chairman of Independent Newspapers. The Government tried to head off the election challenge by promising to issue licences for the deflector companies, but it has failed to cool the tempers of Mr Kirwan and the other candidates, Thomas Gildea in Seamus Healy in Tipperary

# Peel's aid was worth £500m in today's money, says historian

By Nicholas Watt

AN IRISH historian says that Tony Blair is wrong to criticise Britain for failing the people of Ireland during the Great Famine. Paul Bew. of Queen's University, Belfast, pointed out that £50 million of relief -£500 million at today's prices - was sent to Ireland to alleviate the

Peel, which was in power when the he said. But he could understand

potato blight struck in 1845, was videly praised for the relief it sent to Ireland, the Professor of Irish Politics said. The Whig Government that won power during the famine failed to act as decisively.

"For the first year of the famine, the Government behaved admirably and was praised in Ireland. Even Britain's harshest critics ac-The Tory Government of Robert delivered relief directly to Ireland,\*

why historians and politicians criticised Britain, because the Whig Government's record on the famine

"The Whigs believed that you could not just give food, and that people should work for it. They rigidly adhered to the logic of market forces."

The famine claimed the lives of 1845 to 1850. Although opposing classes were also at fault. camps agree that it was a catastro- ... He quoted from The Great Irish

phe of huge proportions, they are sharply divided over who was responsible.

Irish nationalist historians lay the blame squarely at the feet of the respond adequately. In contrast, the likes of Professor Bew believe that the reasons for the widespread starvation were more complex and

Famine, which was written in 1957 by the historians R.D. Edwards and T.D. Williams: "Human limitations and timidity dominate the story of the Great Famine. But of deliberately imposed evil in high positions of

"The really great evil lay in the totality of that social order which which could tolerate to the extent it did the sufferings and hardships

responsibility

from the failure of the potato crop." The book, which was funded by Earnon de Valera, the founding father of the Irish Republic, showed that early studies of the famine stopped short of blaming Britain alone. In recent years Britain has faced criticism from nationalist historians such as Corma O Grada. Even his stance pales in comparison who have accused Britain genocide.

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A psychotherapist tells Ian Murray of apparent diagnoses yielded by the sleeping mind A PSYCHOTHERAPIST is categorising dreams in the hope that they may diagnose disease or predict birth and death. Robin Royston has collected more than 200 dreams linked to physical conditions since January, when he first asked people to

send their experiences. Dr Royston, a consultant in Kent and East Sussex, said: "I do not claim to have any explanation for what happens. All am trying to do is describe the phenomenon, which is always the first stage of any scientific discovery. Once I have defined it, others can take it on and we will see where we go from there." Dream diagnosis goes back

to the ancient Greeks, but until now has not been backed by a sufficient number of case histories to make it plausible. Dr Royston has classified his mo seven categories.

They include near-death experiences, predictions of illness and death, and ident-ification of pain. Sweet dreams are those which foretell pregnancy, ways of healing and physiological processes. Women appear to be three times more likely to have such dreams, although this may be because men are less forthcoming.
These dreams are often very striking ones which

haunt a person for years afterwards," Dr Royston said. They do not know what they mean until something hap-pens afterwards which they immediately relate to their

An example was given by Cherry Davis, 51, a health visitor from Biddenham, Bedfordshire. She said that, although the dream was 15 years ago, it was so vivid that she could remember every detail. "I was walking with my elder brother John near a

river, which was fast-flowing.

We were cut off from the river

by wire fencing with wooden

nephew she dreamt about



Casebook of dreams may

foretell disease and death

Robin Royston says doctors may be cynical but phenomenon must be studied

ed Dido-class cruiser in 1943,

could find nowhere to sling his

hammock when he first went

on board. He eventually found

an open area, laid out his

cage in which the beasts were

"Then I dreamt of a lions'

bedding and went to sleep.

posts. We were in open country but on the other side of the river there was a dense wood. Suddenly a small child fell in and quickly began to float down the stream.

"My brother and I started to run, but we were cut off from the child by the fence. My brother shouted: 'Hurry, hurry, his lungs are filling up with water. The fencing ended and we waded into the shallow water. You've got to help me,' my brother said. There the dream ended.

The very next morning my brother rang to say that his daughter had just given birth to a baby boy. He said, 'He has a heart problem. His lungs are filling up with water. You've got to help.' It quite took my breath away because the words were almost identical to the ones in my dream. It was really

Another of Dr Royston's favourite examples is of a man who dreamt that he was out riding when he was chased by two black panthers. They gained on him and one leapt on his back, digging its claws between his shoulder blades. Men in white coats came and chased off the panthers, and he felt a tremendous elation. As the dream ended, one of the panthers turned back and looked menacingly at him. A month later the man's

wife noticed a mole on his back at the spot where he had felt the panther's claws in his dream. It proved to be a malignant melanoma. black panther is a good image for a melanoma, which is usually black." Dr Royston said. "The fact that it looked back at him at the end could be a warning that it would recur

if he was not careful. Some cases that he has collected suggest that the dreamers would have died if they had not heeded their dreams, Maurice Packham, of Horsham, West Sussex, who served aboard an overcrowdkilled when the generator

A woman described how she had persistent dreams of two hands trying to clutch her throat, but managed to jump up before they caught her. One night one of the hands, which she recognised as her dead mother's, did just touch her throat. She looked in the mirror and noticed a small swelling. It proved to be a thyroid problem.

Or Royston said: "I know that doctors are likely to be cynical about these ideas, but the evidence is building up. It would be wrong if people thought dreams were a clear diagnosis. That would just spread anxiety every time someone had a nightmare. But if people can think positively about a connection between their dreams and their bodies, it might help." □ Examples of such dreams

snarling and clawing the air,"

he recalled. The cage was not

chickenwire netting." The sail-

or woke up frightened and

found that he had placed his

hammock on an electric gener-

ator with a danger tag on it.

stout iron bars but of

may be sent to Dr Royston at Ticehurst House Hospital. Ticehurst, Wadhurst, East Sussex, TN5 7HU.



The Nightmare, by Henry Fuseli (1741-1825). Dr Royston believes that bad dreams may predict illness and death, or identify the causes of pain





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# Private school to launch £10m fund for poorer pupils

ENGLAND'S largest independent day school is building up a fund of £10 million to cover the fees of every pupil from a deprived background who passes its entrance examination.

The fund will put Manchester Grammar in a new category of "free access" independent schools that ensures no one is denied a place on financial grounds.

Dr Martin Stephen, High Master at the 1.500-pupil school, said the fund was the school's response to the phasing out of the Assisted Places Scheme. More than 250 boys from poor backgrounds receive state subsidies totalling F700 000 to attend the school under the scheme. This week. legislation will be discussed to use the £140 million allocated to the scheme to reduce class sizes for five, six and seven-

Last month. The Times disclosed that the 24 members of the Girls Public Day School Trust, which includes Bath, Portsmouth and South Hampplanning a £70 million of funding places. Wealthy



Stephen: said wealthy might sponsor others

scheme to rescue all 3,000 of their assisted places. Manchester Grammar aims to go a step further by guaranteeing places for all boys meeting its traditionally tough academic requirements by paying some or all of the annual £4,300 fees, based on a means test for

The capital endowment will be combined with other ways

### Woodhead will not be put off by criticism

THE embattled Chief Inspector of Schools yesterday said the vitriol of head teachers would not prevent him highlighting poor classroom practice (David Charter writes).

Chris Woodhead, joint vicechairman of the Government's new Standards Task Force who was condemned by the National Association of Head Teachers last week, said he had won assurances from the Government that he would not be gagged. He said the vote by the association at its annual conference in Scarborough did not surpise him but left him saddened. "My job is to tell the public how schools are doing, their strengths and weaknesses, and obviously some in the teaching profession think the revealing of weaknesses is unacceptable." Mr Woodhead said on the BBC's Breakfast with Frost

He said the heads' vote was "a distraction in the sense that schools across the country are raising standards and working positively to the sort of agenda the Education Secretary has announced".

Mr Woodhead said he agreed to join the task force only once his freedom of speech had been guaranteed by the Education Secretary.

parents and old boys will be asked to sponsor a pupil for a minimum of a year. Dr Stephen said yesterday the parents of two current students had already offered to sponsor new pupils.

"Anyone who passes the entry criteria here should be able to take up a place." Dr Stephen said. Basically, what we are asking people to do is to buy an education for a child."

He said the phasing out of assisted places denied children from the pourest areas of Manchester the chance of benefitting from the school's high academic standards. Manchester Grammar, founded in 1515 by the Bishop of Exeter to prepare able young men for Oxford or Cambridge, consistently tops examination league tables and last year all 200 fifth-formers gained five or more good passes at GCSE.

Dr Stephen said: "You cannot just shut your door on the most deprived parts of Manchester because nowadays it is likely to get in its car and come out and see you And I detect a genuine fear of the creation of the underclass. You can approach that in two ways - punitively, or use education as the way out of it."

The school still has a long way to go to meet its £10 milfion target and will officially launch an appeal in January. Few independent schools

can claim they will cover the costs for any parent who needs it. One exception is Christ's Hospital, an 800-pupil boarding school in Horsham, West Sussex, where fees are related to families' ability to pay.

Dick Davison, deputy director of the Independent Schools Information Service, said: 'Manchester Grammar would be in a pretty unusual situation if it were able to say that no boy who passes the exam will be turned away. Not many schools would be able to command that kind of financial support."



The spread of bracken is affecting ponies' grazing land in the New Forest

## **Bracken invasion** threatens survival of heather moors

By Michael Hornsby, countryside correspondent

LARGE tracts of Britain's rarest landscapes are being taken over by one of the world's most poisonous and invasive plants: bracken.

The plant, which harbours disease-carrying ticks and can cause cancer, is invading upland pasture and Britain's remaining stretches of heather moor. The latter accounts for 70 per cent of the world supply of this habitat. Scientists concerned about

the threat have formed the Bracken Advisory Commission to campaign for more research funds. They esti-mate that bracken now covers 3,765 square miles, and is spreading in places by up to 3 per cent a year. It is particuarly prevalent in southwest England Wales Cumbria. the Pennines, the North York Moors and the uplands of

A study by the Ministry of Agriculture in 1989-1990 estimated that bracken cost livestock farmers about £8 million a year for sheep and cattle killed or made ill by poisoning, extra vets' bills and animals lost in dense thickets. The most serious risk to human health is probably infection with Lyme disease, which is carried by ticks for which bracken is a perfect habitat.

There were about 180 recorded cases of the disease when it was identified in Connecticut in 1975. Last year there were nearly 12,000 cases in the United States. In Britain there are 300 to 350 recorded cases a year, but it is thought up to three times as many may go unreported. The initial symptom is a circular red rash round the tick bite. The infection is easily cured if treated with antibiotics. If not, victims can develop tiredness, headaches, fever, arthritis and heart and central nervous system problems.

Professor Roy Brown, the commission's chairman and a specialist in sustainable land use at Bishop Burton College at Beverley in east Yorkshire, believes global warming will make the situation worse. With climatic change, bracken could really romo away in northern parts of the country where you get long daylight hours in summer, the key period for growth," he said.



### Farmers prepare to fight hedgerow protection plans

FARMERS are preparing for a battle with the Government over its plans to extend controls on the protection of hedgerows, replacing legislation passed just before the Tories lost power (Michael Hornsby writes).

The legislation, which came into force yesterday, requires farmers to notify local authorities of an intention to remove a hedge, allowing time for a protection order to be issued, with unlimited fines as the penalty. Michael Meacher, the Environment Minister, has already announced a review: he favours extending the period of notification from six weeks, possibly to a year, and widening the category of hedges eligible for protection. A paper is to be published soon, with a consultation period of up to eight weeks and regulations brought for-

ward in the autumn or the new year. The move has dismayed farmers who, for several years, tried to dilute the impact of the existing measures. Sir David Naish, president of the National Farmers' Union, said the review would "not provide a baianced and measured analysis" of how the legislation was working.

But conservationists are delighted. Simon Lyster, director-general of The Wildlife Trusts, representing 47 local conservation groups, said: "The type of hedgerow eligible for protection needs to be more broadly defined. Only about a fifth would qualify at present. Under a "get-out clause". he said, farmers could plead financial loss and dig up protected hedges.
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if they are of great historical importance or of exceptional ecological value. Farmers say that they need reasonable freedom to remove hedges to expand the area available for crops and to maximise the efficient use of machinery.

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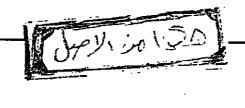
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### Murder charge nurses 'in high spirits'

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RELATIVES of the two British nurses accused of murdering a colleague in Saudi Arabia return to England today after find-ing them in "high spirits" despite reports that the victim's brother was insisting on demanding the death penalty.

One of the lawyers representing Deborah Parry and Lucille McLauchlan said their mood was buoy-ant because the case against them was collapsing. Salah Hejailan was confident that the court would not accept their alleged confessions because he said that they were made under duress and centred on claims of a lesbian relationship between the three nurses that never existed.

"The meetings were great. They're fine and we're fine," said Ms Parry's sister, Sandra Ashbee, who flew to Saudi Arabia with her husband, John, on Friday. They were accompanied by Ms McLauchlan's father, John, and Grant Ferrie, her fiance. Tim Lamb, the British Consul in Riyadh, said: Both women are in high

The lawyer for Frank Gilford, the brother of the dead nurse Yvonne Gilford, rejected suggestions that he may be considering a plea from the trial judge to consider accepting "blood money" if the nurses were convicted. "Mr Gilford is resolute in the appropriateness of his decision because of the brutal way his sister was killed." Jim Phipps said.

An Australian television station was to interview the nurses with the permission of the Saudi authorities. The nurses were expected to urge Mr Gilford to reconsider the judge's appeal to accept the possibility of a financial settlement.

"Mr Gilford has misunderstood the court's request." said Mr Hejailan. The judge wants the Australian family in principle to be conciliatory in case it is needed. But Mr Gilford thinks he can determine the fate of the nurses now. That is not what the judge

literature.

recommends that at 20, "he should read it". But he ac-

knowledges that teenagers are

far from disinterested in the

subject: "Was your mind a

sexual blank at sixteen? Is

The correspondence, which also reveals a disillusionment

with an England that did not appreciate him and nagging

concerns about his health, was produced over 16 months: the

last letter was written eight months before his death in

March 1930. Lady Huxley, who was one of the first to be

asked to read the manuscript

of Lady Chatterley, was born in Switzerland and came to

Britain as a governess. She married Sir Julian Huxley, the zoologist brother of the writer

Aldous. She died in 1994, at

The letters, with most of

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is asking."
Mr Hejailan dismissed reports that the Australian Government planned to intercede to ensure that the death penalty was ruled out because "it's based on the assumption that they are guilty".

A senior judicial source in Saudi Arabia said that. even if the nurses were found guilty, there could be no execution unless Mr Gilford or another of close relative was there to wit-



Gilford: is insisting on death penalty

flighly restricted issue

AN IMPORTANT series of Edward Maggs said: "It is one letters to a close friend in of the most revealing series of which D.H. Lawrence exletters about his state of mind presses despair at the controand his hopes and fears for the versy surrounding his last book. These are living, breath-

novel Lady Chatterley's Lover ing objects." and rage at the censoring of In one letter, dated April 1928, Lawrence complains of his paintings is to be sold. The 14 lengthy letters and "a tussle" over Lady Chatthree postcards to his confiterley: "Publishers, agents etc dante, Juliette Huxley, will in London holding hands of pious horror .. and trying to excite collectors and curators make me feel disastrously in thirsty for documents offering any insight into the author of the wrong." A month earlier, he writes that the novel was being printed by a "little printer, in Florence, in an old little shop where nobody unsome of the classics of English In a letter of April 1928, he suggests that a boy of 16 would be "too bored" by Lady Chatterley—the first book to be prosecuted under the Obscene Publications Act—but derstands a word of English". He says that the publisher, Secker, "can't see a possibility of making the book fit for

> expurgated". By July that year, from a chalet about 4,000ft up a mountain near Bern, he writes: "I feel so safe up here, from all the slings and arrows that will come back at me." A month later he says that he is soon due in England. "But really, people in England make me so mad what with one thing and another — especially Lady C — that I feel I'd be downright ill if I saw those

public presentation, even

dirty cliffs of Dover just now ... I have lost a good many friends over Lady C. but such friends I am thankful to lose." Copies of the 1928 Florence edition were confiscated by English customs officers. in February 1929. Lawrence re-ports that "the police have suddenly started seizing all copies of Lady C . . . I want to make a row: can't sit down to it. All too exasperating ... I want to go to Spain — to Majorca ... I long to get away from everything, especially everything connected with

literature. In July 1929, he expresses anger over the controversy surrounding his paintings erotic images which were banned from display in Brit-ain in 1929. "Awful fuss about the pictures - shall burst with rage if they burn them."

Lawrence, who was dogged by ill health, and who died from tuberculosis aged 44. made several references to a cough and a bad chest. From Bandol, in France, in December 1928: "At present, the combination of hot sun & cold thin wind has made my bronchials

sore, as it always does."

John Byrne, a specialist in 20th-century manuscripts. said: "Their iconic value is every bit as valuable as their scholarly value."

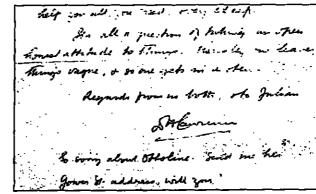
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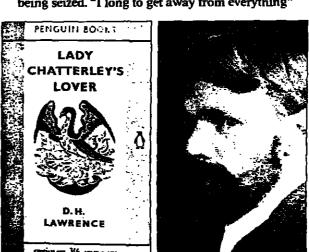
Juliette Huxley: in one letter Lawrence asked her, "Was your mind a sexual blank at sixteen? Is anybody's?

# Lawrence letters show his despair over Lady Chatterley censorship

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT



Lawrence told of copies of Lady Chatterley's Lover being seized. "I long to get away from everything"



### AND WEST STREET **Body found** on beach with £1,000 in pocket

The body of a man in his 30s has been washed up on a remote beach with £1,000 in his pocket. He had been stabbed twice in the heart and police believe he could have been in the sea for a month.

The body was found at Winterton, Norfolk, a postmortem examination showed that the stab wounds would have been fatal. Detectives are still trying to trace the victim's identity. The cash, in new notes, was in a black leather wallet, with a key for a new Renault car.

#### Air force

Police are to instal high-tech cameras on advertising airships hovering 1.500ft above party conference venues at Brighton and Blackpool this summer to monitor crowds, traffic. demonstrators, the movements of VIPs and police deployment. Police say the method attracts less attention than using helicopters.

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#### Lung disease toll

One in five Britons will die according to analysis by the British Lung Foundation. The figures, published to coincide with the launch to-day of Breathe Easy Week, disclose that just over a quarter will die from lung cancer, which now claims 40,000 lives a year.

#### Plea to US flyers

RAF Cosford, Warwickshire, is seeking American airmen who served in the Second World War. Korea or Vietnam to authenticate details of an air show on Sunday celebrating the fiftieth anni-versary of the US Air Force. Fortress Sally B, featured in the film Memphis Belle.

#### Preying on birds

Thieves have taken 15 of the 22 goshawk chicks born in the Peak District this year. Samples of DNA have now been taken from the feathers of the remaining birds. The technique will enable Derbyshire police to identify any chicks sold. The birds fetch high prices after they have been trained for hawking.

#### Teacher killed

A music teacher was killed when he was hit by a lorry on the A9 near Pitlochry on the second day of a sponsored round-Britain cycle ride. Nigel Hester, 24, of Barnard Castle School, Co Durham. was hoping to raise money to fund a year working with Voluntary Services Overseas as a teacher in Peru.

#### **Bullimore delay**

Storm-force winds delayed the start of a round-Europe race in which the British yachtsman Tony Bullimore is competing. It is his first race since being rescued from the Southern Ocean five months ago. He said he was disappointed at not being able to take advantage of the winds.

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# Aggers and Co on sticky wicket as they hit 40 not out



Alston: opened the first

BBC Radio's Test Match Special may be 40 years not out, but it is still fighting for a regular place in the

The programme, one of the corporation's best-loved institutions, has been struggling for air time since losing its regular slot on Radio 3 almost four years ago. Until it was moved. TMS, as it is referred to by fans, prided itself on not missing a ball of Test cricket since its inception

James Boyle, the controller of Radio 4 who is blamed by many fans for failing to support the programme, is to visit the commentary box at Edgbaston on Thursday, when England begin the task of correspondent and a former England bowler, yesterday called on the BBC to put the programme on a surer footing. For the sake of our large and loyal troop of listeners, who have put up with a lot of changes in the last few years, it would be nice to see a long-term commitment to the programme

from the BBC," he said, Both Agnew and Peter Baxter, the producer, are looking forward to discussing the future of the programme with Mr Boyle, who refused to give a commitment to TMS when he was appointed controller of

Nevertheless. Thursday will be a

trying to reclaim the Ashes. Jona-than Agnew, the BBC's cricket cakes and writing cards for the commentary team. Fittingly, the 40th anniversary Test is being played at Edghaston where, in May 1957. Rex Alston and John Arloft broadcast the first edition. England were playing the West Indies and

> Cricket. pages 28-30

the match featured the record stand of 411 between Peter May and Colin

The programme's informal but knowledgeable tone dated from the 1930s, when the BBC's original cricket commentator, Howard Marshall, made half-hour broadcasts on the old Home Service. Ball by ball

commentary began on the Third Programme.

Arlott, with his rich Hamoshire burr, is still rated by Baxter as the best commentator to grace the TMS box. "He was a true genius, a poet who could put actions into words perfectly," Mr Baxter said. He described Clive Lloyd, the former West Indian captain, smashing an English bowler for six over square leg: That was the stroke of a man knocking the thistle top off with a

walking stick." Brian Johnston popularised the show with his schoolboy humour and endless pranks and practical jokes. It was "Jonners" who devised the nicknames for his colleagues: Bill Frindal, the scorer, became the "bearded wonder": Neville Oliver,

his initials, which spelt the name of the fictional James Bond villain: Henry Blofeld "Bloers"; and latterly Agnew "Aggers".

Baxter remembers that working with Jonners was not always easy. After the infamous "leg over" incident, which involving lan Botham vaulting the stumps to avoid hitting them, when Agnew and Johnston collapsed giggling, he was forced to take action. "I let them do one more summary together, but they corpsed

again and I had to split them up." Baxter is conscious of recent criticism by listeners that too much cricket is clogging the longwave frequency on Radio 4. "But the cakes and cards keep coming, so we can't be doing anything too wrong."

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by the chief instigator of the

Gunpowder Plot is to open to

Chastleton House and Park,

near Stow-on-the-Wold, in

Gloucestershire, will open its

doors on September 10, after restoration by the National

Trust which took six years.

The estate was owned by

Robert Catesby until 1602,

when he was forced to sell it to

pay a fine incurred for joining

the Earl of Essex's rebellion

A Roman Catholic, Catesby

was fined and imprisoned for

recusancy, and was involved

in several conspiracies against

Elizabeth and James I. in 1604 he began to assemble the band of Catholic zealots who planned to blow up Parlia-

ment on November 5, 1605.

After the plot was uncovered,

Catesby was shot while resist-ing arrest in Holbeche House,

Between 1605 and 1612, Wal-

ter Jones, who had bought the

Chastleton estate from Cates-

by, built the Jacobean man-

sion which stands today.

Arthur Jones fought for the

Cavaliers in the Civil War,

Staffordshire.

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the public this summer.



Marshall: set the tone

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sets of 16th-century Flemish

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Great Chamber and the Long

Gallery are thought to have

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Oxford colleges. A collection of

2,700 books and about 200

pamphlets has been restored.

and a collection of Jones fami-

ly portraits. Lisa Ramshaw, of

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National Trust said that

Chastleton House was a re-

markable example of a 17th-

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Those wishing to visit the

house will have to book tickets

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The plaster ceilings of the

to the National Trust.

**Gunpowder Plot** 

man's home to go

on public view

# Parents to sue over vaccines that led to brain damage

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

PARENTS of children who became brain-damaged after routine vaccinations are to sue drug companies in an effort to gain more compensa-tion than the £30,000 maxi-

mum permitted. In a series of test cases, they will try to prove that some batches were faulty and thus responsible for a much higher proportion of children being brain-damaged than those immunised with correctly manufactured vaccines.

A meeting of 100 parents agreed in London yesterday to adopt this tactic after being advised that they would be unable to obtain legal aid if they tried to argue that doctors had been negligent in vacci-nating the children or that the routine immunisation programme was inherently danger-ous. We were told that because of the difficulty in establishing causation of brain damage there was no chance of getting legal aid," said Rosemary Fox, the association's secretary. "We are occurred because the company therefore going to try to prove that there was something toxic vaccine. wrong with the batches of

vaccine used on our children." Mrs Fox's daughter, Helen, has not developed mentally since being given a polio vaccine 38 years ago. Polio has almost been eliminated from the world because of the vaccination programme but my daughter was destroyed by it." she said.

The world has benefited but the tiny number of people who have suffered to make it a safer place have been forgotten."

The association hopes to be able to use as precedent a case in Ireland in 1993, when the High Court in Dublin ordered the Wellcome Foundation to pay £2.75 million damages to a 24-year-old man who had been brain-damaged after a whooping cough vaccination when he was two. After a 20year legal battle, the court ruled that the brain damage

Clinic gave girl, 10, condoms and Pill

investigate claims that a 10year-old girl was issued with condoms and a threemonth supply of birth control pills.

The girl's mother said she told her daughter to give a false name and pose as a 13year-old to show how easily children could obtain contraceptives on the health service. Karen Eslick. 31, a divorced mother of three. said no checks were made by the family planning clinic about her daughter's age. She said she and other

A HEALTH trust is to concerned mothers sent in two other girls, aged 12 and 13, who asked for the Pill. "It's disgraceful and shows these places are encouraging under-age sex," she said. "I have no regrets about sending my little girl

> She said a woman doctor at the Amelia Nutt clinic in Bristol had supplied her daughter with contraceptives. The United Bristol · Healthcare NHS Trust said any complaint by Mrs Eslick would be looked into.

> to the clinic. It was her

had produced an excessively The campaign for compen-

sation began in 1974 when the Government agreed to give victims a maximum one-off compensation award of £10,000. This was increased to £30,000 in 1979. Around 850 parents have received compensation, with an average of two or three new cases acknowledged each year.

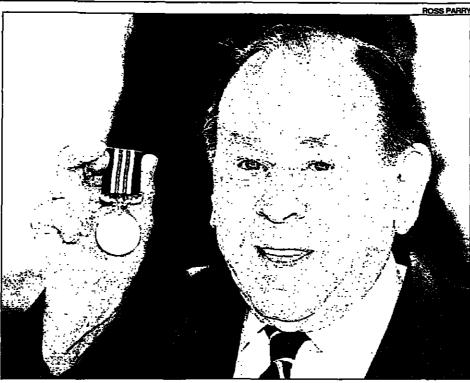
We have been collecting statistical evidence about batches which we hope will prove that some were more dangerous than others," Mrs Fox said after yesterday's

"All the cases will involve children who are now in the their twenties and thirties but we hope they will set a precedent which other parents will be able to use," she added.

The association's QC, Daniel Brennan, is president of the Personal Injury Bar Association. Eighteen months ago he obtained £1.25 million damages against a health authority for a 33-year-old man who had been brain-damaged by his treatment in the hospital a month after his birth.

Jacob Rabinowicz, chairman of the association's solicitors' committee, said: "Compensation is ridiculously low. These unfortunate children are the casualties of the war against disease. Society should pay for those casualties.

We have enough good evidence to get the cases off the ground and if we can persuade the court that there are significant reactions to a batch vaccine then that should clear the way for others. The system of vaccinations has not changed down the years so the old cases are perfectly relevant."



Harry Ward with the medal that had awaited him on his mother's sideboard

# Fifty years on, war hero receives a royal salute

World War is to be presented with his bravery medal by the Queen Mother 53 years after he won it for rescuing two injured soldiers from the front

Harry Ward was due to be presented with the Military Medal in 1944 by George VI, but because of the King's failing health it was posted to Mr Ward's parents a few days before he returned Now it will be pinned to the 77-year-old's chest at a ceremony at Claridge's in London on June 12.

In the same month in 1944, Lance Corporal Ward's regi-ment, The 1/4 Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, fought the Germans for control of the French village of Cristot. The regiment was settled into its rest area when another regiment ran into difficulties just north of the village.

Mr Ward, of Pontefract, west Yorkshire, who was a stretcher bearer, said: "They

George VI's apology to Mr Ward in 1944

were under heavy machinegun fire and there were many casualties. We saw two wounded men lying about 200 yards away. I left my party behind a hedge and crawled on my stomach to where the first man lay. I can remember that he was an

injured to be left there, so I bound his wrists together with some string, placed his arms around my neck and dragged him under me to safety. It worked so well that I went back and used the same procedure with the other injured man." In November 1944. Corpo-

ral Ward was told by his commanding officer that he awarded the Mil tary Medal, second only to the Victoria Cross. But when the 24-year-old hero arrived home he found his medal on his mother's sideboard with a note of apology from Buck-ingham Palace.

He said: "I was very disappointed. Although I hadn't expected the medal as I only did my duty, I have to confess I was looking forward to going to the Palace and it was my dream to meet the King. But now it looks like my dream is coming true. It's going to be the best day of my

#### and hid from Roundhead troops in a secret room, floors and staircases. Tickets The Jones family continued go on sale from August 5. paging everyone who

# Risks of life-saving therapies are usually worth taking

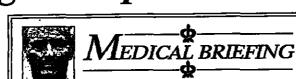
THE BBC programme Pan-orama this evening investi-gates the side effects of radiotherapy and quotes instances in which patients have suffered severe disability from their treatment. The programme is likley to cause some irritation in medical circles and considerable alarm, most of it unnecessary, in those patients who are about to undergo this often life-saving, and even more frequently life-prolonging

There is no effective treatment whether with surgery, radiation, or drugs which, will not sometimes cause greater damage than is usual.

sis in which the expected advantages of any therapy have to be weighed against its likely consequences.

The doctor's role in any particular case is to explain the points for and against the treatment to their patients. and likely cost of the disease if it is left untreated. The doctor's role is also to protect the patient from the over-enthusiasm some colleagues might have for a particular new line in treatment, or conversely an over-conservative approach taken by others who are liable to reject medical advances.

The patient's views are always paramount and in a All medicine is a matter of consultation the doctor's task



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

can now be likened to that of a judge in his summing up for the patient, who is the one

Unfortunately, mistakes are ocassionaly made and the wrong dosage is delivered in the radiotherapy department. in other cases too heavy a dose of a drug, or the wrong drug. is prescribed in the wards,

surgery or out-patients — or a surgeon when removing a diseased part of the body cuts into or destroys some healthy tissue - but this doesn't undermind the reasons for using this form of treatment in the first place.

The outcry a few years ago by campaigning organisations against radiotherapy in the

sulted in several major hospitals withdrawing this form of treatment. Later, less publicised but detailed and extensive critical research showed that radiotherapy saved the lives of many people with breast cancer. The advantages of radiotherapy outweighed its disadvantages. The initial campaign, however well-intensioned, must have cost lives, which may not have been entirely wasted as the procedures now being used have, as a result, been refined so that side-effects are less

The difficulty in using radiotherapy is to target cancerous cells with such precision that

either destroyed or so affected that in old age it fails before the rest of the body.

Radiotherapy will cure many tumours by itself, in

other cases it will, when used in conjunction with other treatments, improve the likelihood of survival. When assess ing its advantages, and the Panorama programme, viewers should remember that those who have had to suffer from disease often have an intense anger, similar to that experienced during grief. This approach does not always allow campaigners to adopt the dispassionate stance needed to help others who may develop similar troubles later.

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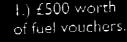
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Albright: send war

#### **Albright** turns on Balkan leaders

FROM TOM WALKER IN BELGRADE

THE American Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, concluded yesterday a bruising tour of the former Yugoslavia during which she confronted Serbia's Slobodan Milosevic and Croatia's Franjo Tudjman over their miserable records in honouring the

Dayton peace accord. With a year left before American troops are due to pull out from Bosnia, the peace process is a shambles. Mrs Albright bloodied the noses of both Presidents, warning Mr Milosevic that if he continues to stonewall on send-ing war criminals for trial at The Hague, Serbia's isolation will deepen.

Earlier in Zagreb she left President Tudiman with an uncompromising message about worsening relations with Washington. She cited the tendency of Croatian police to ignore crimes against Serbs attempting to resettle in their "cleansed" homeland

of Krajina. In Brcko in Republika Srpska, the Serb-held Bosnian territory that is implacably opposed to the peace process, she said: Make no mistake, a price will be paid for the atrocities committed here."

# Gambler Chirac deals himself a losing hand

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

PRESIDENT Chirac's election gamble was a simple one: dissolve parliament, win a renewed if reduced majority for the centre-right coalition. confirm arch-technocrat Alain Juppé as Prime Minister to push through European economic and monetary union, sit back and enjoy the remaining five years of the presidency and then get re-elected for seven more years in 2002.

Simple, seductive and disastrous. Even before last night's vote, it was clear that the French President had badly misjudged his gambit and would emerge from the parliamentary elections a substantially weakened figure.

The moment when M Chirac's plans went wrong can be identified precisely: the first-round poll results that came through on Sunday, May 25. flatly contradicted the opinion pollsters by showing that voters had strongly rejected the Government's austere recipe for joining the single European currency. From that instant, the President and his

allies were on the skids. M Chirac's painful dilemma was aptly symbolised at the final of the French rugby championships on Saturday night. Beside the President sat

not seem to be on the unfolding match, but on the game he had already lost. The situa-tion, however, was entirely of his own making.

Having repeatedly insisted that his powers to dissolve parliament would be used only in the event of a national

FRENCH **ELECTIONS** 

Philippe Seguin, the parlia-mentary Speaker and the man brought in to replace the ousted M Juppe as Prime Minister-apparent and the last hope of the Centre-Right. A vigorous (although recentmore reticent) opponent of

the Maastricht treaty, the socially caring M Seguin, who now favours a kinder, softer euro taking second place to job creation, represents much that M Chirac despises. The two dislike each other profoundly. But just feet away

watching the rugby match in the presidential stand sat Lionel Jospin, the Socialist leader and, from M Chirac's point of view, the greater of two evils. Knowing that within 24 hours he would probably be facing the unpleasant prospect

of sharing power with one or

the other, it was no wonder

employed them for reasons that were purely cynical and largely personal — knowing that waiting until the parliament's full term was up next March would be to invite all but certain electoral calamity. The President and M Juppé never admitted openly that their ruse was to win parliamentary leverage for another round of cost-cutting in the run-up to EMU, but the elect-

emergency, the President then

and delivered a stinging ri-poste. Until then it had been a lacklustre campaign. Butwhat had appeared to be voter indifference was, in retrospect, a seething silence. The ousting of M Juppe in

orate saw through them -

the wake of the first-round debacle smacked of desperation and disloyalty. Long after the Prime Minister announced that he would step down he continued to wander the campaign trail, an unlamented but ever-visible martyr and proof of M Chirac's

President Chirac enters his car after voting at Sarran, central France, in the second round of the country's parliamentary elections yesterday. Some 39 million voters were due to choose 577 National Assembly deputies

The last-minute alliance of M Seguin and Alain Madelin was hailed as a "dream team" but while he gave them his veiled benediction, from M Chirac's standpoint the combination of a man he had passed over for the premiership and one sacked for ardent freemarketeering had all the hall-

marks of a nightmare. Almost every aspect of M Chirac's election calculation has backfired: he wanted a coherent, tigher centre-right ruling group, but has emerged with a coalition more bitterly fractious and riven by ideological differences.

He wanted to see M Juppé continue as Prime Minister; instead, he has M Juppe's blood on his hands and, in his place as the figurehead of the Centre-Right, M Séguin, the standard-bearer of Euroscep-

personal standing but now appears to be fragile, compromised and facing an uncertain and frustrating future.

contender for the presidency.

He had hoped to boost his

Above all, he intended the elections to confirm France's drive to a single currency, to provide the final burst of energy that would enable him to make good on the commit-

ticism and a certain future ment to which he has sacrificed all others. Instead his attempt to

secure the single currency has radically, perhaps fatally, undermined it. Marseilles: Police defused an explosive device at a polling station in a school here. The

3.3lb "bomb" was made of six

sticks of dynamite. (AFP) Peter Riddell, page 20

# Rome's Albania policy plunged into crisis

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

ITALY'S Albanian policy was in disarray yesterday following the abrupt resignation of its newly nominated Ambassador to Tirana and controversy over the appointment of an Italian Commissioner Extraordinary" to oversee the reconstruction of Albania", a move compared by some commentators to "Mussolini-style colo-

Romano Prodi, the Italian Prime Minister, yesterday travelled to Albania to hold crisis talks with both who heads a cross-party "coalition of

national unity".

Allegations by the Albanian Socialists that Paolo Foresti, the Italian Ambassador to Tirana, was openly pro-Berisha came to a head last week when an Albanian newspaper published the alleged transcript of a telephone conversation between Signor Foresti and Tritan Shehu. chairman of the Democratic Party, in which the Italian envoy appeared to offer his help in ensuring a Democratic Party election victory. At the weekend Signor Foresti, who claimed the tran-

President Berisha and Bashkim Fino. script was fabricated, was "transferred to another post", and Lamberto Dini, the Foreign Minister, named his successor as Manfredo Incisa di Camerana. But Signor Incisa, dismayed Signor Dini by telling La Repubblica that Signor Foresti had "always had a political viewpoint" and that the Foreign Ministry under Signor Dini was "going through a period of weakness". Yesterday Signor Incisa said his remarks had been "off the record", but offered to step down. His offer was accepted.

General Franco Angioni, 63, appointed as "Commissioner Extraordinary" in Albania, is a popular exparatrooper who led Italian troops in Lebanon. He is to "co-ordinate Italian initiatives in the reconstruction of Albania", but commentators said this was uncomfortably reminiscent of Italy's economic penetration of Albania in the 1920s and its subsequent wartime occupation of the country.

La Stampa said the appointment highlighted the confusion over the Italian mandate, and it remained unclear whether Italian troops had entered the country to protect aid convoys, or reinforce Italian control of the country's economy.

#### Ferrari marks 50th year with Rome rally

Rome: Italy yesterday cele-brated a name which more than any other symbolises its unashamed love affair with speed, noise and curves in the right places, as 250 Ferraris from 1947 to the present day roared throatily through Rome in a rally to mark the company's fiftieth anniversary (Richard Owen writes).

For once nobody complained about traffic congestion or pollution: the very word Ferrari, and the symbol of the prancing horse on its bonnet, bring tears to the eyes of Italians.

The lovingly polished cars, from the original Ferrari 125S to the latest Formula One monsters and the white F375 given to Ingrid Bergman by Roberto Rossellini, growled their way from the Olympic Stadium past St Peter's and through the centre to the Baths of Caracalla.



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### DNDAY JUNE ZIN THE TIMES MONDAY JUNE 2 1997 Kohl calls the Budget crisis splits Bonn coalition shots in battle of the bullion The Titanic exhibition in Hamburg, housed in a gaunt dockside warehouse, is INSIDE worth a visit not only because

of its special effects that spin the illusion of being trapped under water. The doomed liner naturally lends itself to political metaphor. Like the Titanic, the euro — one tries to avoid saying the SS Euro was regarded as unsinkable. Hence the shortage of lifeboats. The ship had three classes of passenger, all finely togged out chattering gaily until the collision.

Over the past week German cartoonists have stumbled on the parallels. The captain who blew his brains out is depicted as Helmut Kohl or Theo Waigel. The role of the iceberg is played by the Bundesbank (Buba). Yet despite the Schadenfreude in Britain, and the twitchiness of the markets, the euro is not yet sunk and the captain may stay on the bridge for a while. Icebergs lurk 80 per cent below the

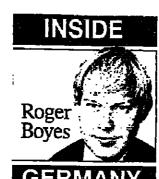
As long as the political classes of France and Germany want the euro, it will happen. That will may be sapped by events opening the way for postponement. But the saga of the Rhine or, more properly, the Maingold will not be as decisive as is assumed by the markets or by Germany's anxious neigh-

- The plan to revalue the gold was a foolish move because of its hopeless timing, announced in the middle of a parliamentary debate about the European economic and monetary union. The hint of panic, of rabbits being tugged out of hats, demonstrated that Herr Waigel, the Finance Minister, has lost his political touch. But considered answers to the right questions suggest that, while the euro may have been driven off

course, it has not been holed Does the Maingold belong to the Buba? No. It belongs to the nation, was due to be revalued anyway and can be used to the benefit of central and regional government finances. Revaluation was first suggested by the Bundesbank, although not as a means of bailing out the

an Buba alter the political calculus? No. the Bundesbank law can and will be changed to allow the gold revaluation to take place. Some younger Christian Democrats are threatening a backbench revolt when the draft comes to parliament. This threat will fizzle out.

Will the Buba's doubts about gold influence popular opinion about the euro? Unlikely. Even when it is right the bank is not loved by



Germans. It opposed a 1:1 exchange rate for East German marks and was overruled by the Government. Despite the cost, the popular verdict was that the Chancelfor won the day. Anyway, the people are not being consulted on the euro. They can deliver their verdict on the Chancellor in October 1998, after the euro is a done deal.

Would Bonn be seriously hurt by a negative euro assessment by the Buba? Perhaps. A compromise on gold is being worked out. The power brokers met in the chancellery last night. On Thursday Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank president, addresses the parliamentary financial committee. Whatever the terms -Herr Waigel may choose to profit from the gold revaluation next year, rather than in 1997, to limit damage to the euro - they will show that Bonn, not Frankfurt, is calling

B chind Herr Kohl there is a broad cross-party consensus for the euro. Behind Herr Tietmever there is an institution only a few years from self-destruction.

the shots.

There is no question of Herr Tietmeyer being on the verge of resignation - more market mischief. If anyone is on the brink it is Herr Waigel, who after a record eight years in office has become an electoral liability for his Bavarian Christian Social Union. Herr Tietmever is not a Eurosceptic out to wreck the euro and save his back.

But he will almost certainly be the last Buba chief in history. As such he is both weak - almost a lame duck on many political issues and influential. His Buba will put up with Herr Waigel's goldmanship on one condition: that the entry gate for euro is high and rimmed with barbed wire. The gold crisis has not wrecked the euro; rather it has increased the pressure for a small, intimate mark zone as the initial nucleus of the new currency.

France may moan about the coming exclusion of Club Med states and tears may flow into the Tiber, but that will be the true price of playing with Maingold.

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#### FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE German Government, racked by the effort to plug its leaking budget and meet European economic and monetary union targets, showed signs of serious strain last night as Bonn's power brokers met in Helmut Kohl's office to find a way out of the financial crisis.

The Chancellor's coalition of Christian Democrats, the Bavarian Christian Social Union and the Free Democrats has to find a way of patching up the budget — hit by a huge shortfall in tax revenues — by the end of this month. The revaluation of the Bundesbank gold reserves, deeply controversial, cannot be used for this purpose. So the Government is stuck with three unpalatable options: to raise taxes. cut back the welfare state even

further, or burrow more money. The prospect of increasing petrol and value-added tax has prompted the Free Democrats to threaten to desert the Kohl Government. "The CDU will have to look for another coalition partner for a decision like this," Paul Friedhoff, Free Democrat economic spokesman, said yesterday. Michael Glos, head of the Bavarian CSU parliamentary party, sneered: "I have stopped believing in Free Democratic suicide notes. It is like a carp

threatening to throw itself on land." That exchange captured something of the sour atmosphere within the Government as politicians

scramble for a solution. But the Free Democratic readiness to torpedo the Kohl Government should not be underestimated: if they are to establish their separate credentials before an election, then a principled stand against tax increases would be to their benefit.

Further welfare cuts would be opposed by the Social Democrats, who can hold up most financial initiatives because of their control

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of the upper house of parliament, the Bundesrat. New borrowing would push Germany well outside the Maastricht criteria on public finances. A possible shortcut out of the crisis - selling shares in Deutsche Telekom - has been blocked by the Telekom chief.

The confusion in the German political class has been compounded by new pressure to postpone the European economic and monetary union. A report in Der Spiegel to be published today suggested that even Hans Tietmeyer, Bundesbank president, favours postponement of the euro.

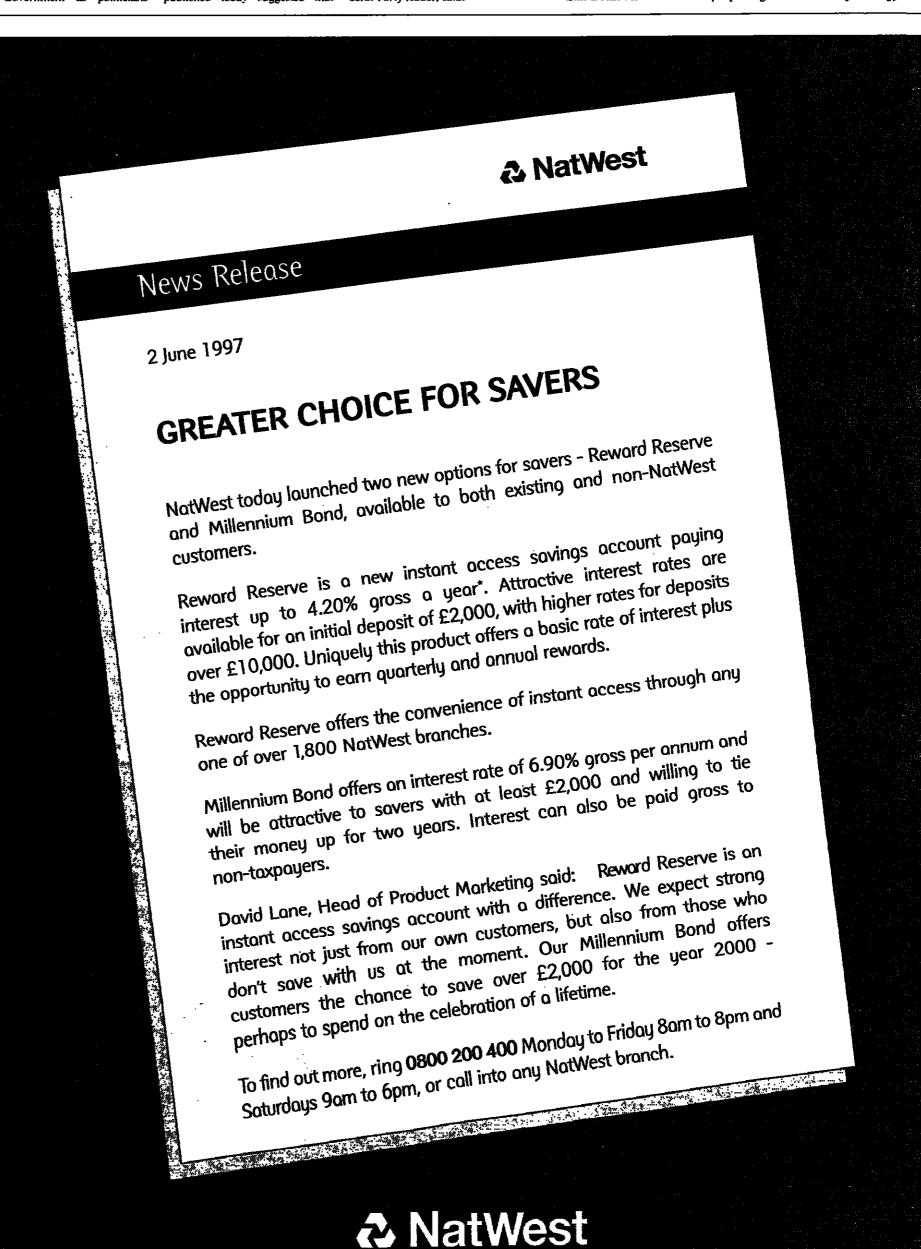
"Wouldn't it be a possibility, together with France, to agree to a delay in the start of the euro?" Herr Tietmeyer was quoted as saying. The Bank took the unusual step of issuing a denial. Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, chipped in with a rebuttal of other rumours that France and Germany were preparing an EMU delay strategy. "It does not make sense to discuss a delay in currency union," said Herr Waigel, who emphasised that postponement would have to be agreed by the European Union's Council of

Until recently Herr Kohl has been able to assume that he has broad cross-party support for the euro. Yet an opinion survey of Social Democrats released by Der Spiegel showed yesterday that 78 per cent of party members favour a postponement of the euro.

Given the logjam in legislation and the bewilderment in Bonn. there was some sympathy in Germany vesterday for those calling for early new elections. "The economic and finance policies of the Kohl Government have failed. The coalition is so split it is not capable of acting. It would be good if it cleared the path for fresh elections," Oskar Lafontaine, the Social Democrat Party leader, said.



Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, who denied yesterday that Bonn and Paris were preparing an EMU delay strategy



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# Guerrillas from Sierra Leone bush fall out with army allies to oppose peace deal

# Britain's envoy in Freetown urges rebels to end coup

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

matic British High Commissioner in Freetown. Sierra Leone, was among a group of diplomats who vesterday were playing key roles in trying to return the West African state to civilian rule after last Sunday's military coup by Sand-hurst-trained Major Johnny Paul Koromah.

Discussions between Mr Penfold and Major Koromah had already taken place at the High Commission in Freetown to ensure the safe evacuation of hundreds of Britons from the country.

Yesterday Mr Penfold and other foreign diplomats were pushing hard to persuade Major Koromah to hand the country back to civilian administration. The rebel leader was also warned by the commanders of the West African peacekeeping force in Sierra Leone. consisting of troops from Nigeria. Ghana and Guinea, that he and his soldiers would be forcibly removed if they did not stand

A Sierra Leonean politician who participated in the talks said a formal announcement was expected after a meeting at Mr Penfold's residence, to be attended by Major Koromah, which could lead to the return of Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, the deposed President. He escaped to Guinea after the coup.

However, diplomats gave a warning that a settlement was not being supported by another rebel group. The Rev-United Front (RUF), which has been fighting a bush war since 1991 and had joined Major Koromah. remains opposed to any deal. RUF leaders have not been part of the talks.

The settlement under discussion would involve the

Nigerian-led peacekeeping force being deployed to secure key points and keeping order in the capital.

However, the presence of 5,000 RUF rebels in Freetown and their continued resistance to a deal has already led to serious rifts between its commanders and the coup leaders. Sierra Leonean sources said two people had been killed in gunfights between RUF rebels soldiers at Major Koromah's headquarters on a

Freetown beachfront. The proposed settlement is based on what the international community had been demanding since the junior officers deposed President

Diplomats negotiating with the coup leader played down the announcement carried on state radio. saying they still expected a deal to be signed. sisted of three other members of the RUF, three brigadiers.

COUP leader Major Johnny

Paul Koromah was trained

platoon commander who was

from a rival tribe," he said.

four colonels and several civilians, including the attorneygeneral. The statement said a Cabinet would be announced Yesterday Mr Penfold, who has four staff with him at the

High Commission where they have taken temporary refuge since the coup, described Freetown as "relatively quiet but

at Sandhurst in 1988-89. He He said he and his staff, including Colin Glass, 42, his was attached to 18 Platoon deputy. Dai Harris, 37, the Arnhem Company. One Sandhurst contemporary consular management officer. said yesterday: "I remember and Lieutenant-Colonel Anhe used to predict that one drew Gale, the defence attaché day he would play a signifinormally based in Nigeria. cant role in his country." He had completed the safe withonce told him how he had drawal of about 1,000 Britishpassport holders and 400 escaped an attempt on his life other Commonwealth and by army officers before coming to Sandhurst. "He got wind of it and shot his European citizens. They left by commercial aircraft and on American and French vessels. Speaking by telephone, Mr

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A US Marine carrying a child through Freetown yesterday as the operation continued to evacuate foreigners wishing to leave the capital of Sierra Leone in the aftermath of last week's coup by junior military officers

Penfold said: "There is only a hard core of Britons left who want to stay. There are a lot of troops around and there is a great deal of apprehension about what is going to happen.

But we're in good heart."

Mr Penfold and his staff have been living in the office and sleeping on the floor because of the risks of leaving the large British compound. They had enough food, he

Yesterday heavily armed

rebel soldiers maintained their reign of terror over the capital, manning roadblocks and patrolling the streets.

Helicopters from US warships which airlifted about 900 foreigners on Friday returned to pick up more early yesterday. Britain chartered a DC10 to fly 200 evacuated Britons from the Guinean capital. Conakry, to Stansted

One group of Europeans arrived in Italy yesterday from Guinea. Joe Dogherty from Bath said: "Some of the rebels shot at the door of my room to try and get in. Others had their houses looted. We had

problems getting food, all the shops were closed or burned. There were armed men in the streets and we all sought refuge where we could." Britain is one of the few

European and Commonwealth countries to be diplomatically represented in Sierra Leone and retains a

Mr Penfold's previous diplomatic post was Governor of the British Virgin Islands. Conscious of the historical importance of the event and wishing to show solidarity with a fellow Governor, he booked three years ago to be in Hong Kong on June 30 for the

handover to China. He said: "Now I'm stuck in Freetown and I don't know whether I'm going to make it."

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#### Clinton will not make apology in Jones case

By TOM RHODES

PRESIDENT Clinton will harassment suit brought by Paula Jones and is prepared to defend himself in court if necessary, his personal lawyer said yesterday.

Bob Bennett said that Mr Clinton categorically denied the claim by Mrs Jones, a former Arkansas state em-ployee, that he had made a sexual advances to her in a botel room at Little Rock in 1991. "There will be no apolo gy and no admission of misconduct," he said.

"If Paula Jones insists on having her day in court and her trial, and she really wants to put her reputation at issue as we hear, we are prepared

Mr Bennett, who said he had been given strict orders by the President the previous night, added that Mr Clinton was not averse to an out-ofcourt settlement involving the payment of Mrs Jones's legal fees and a donation to a charity of her choice. "But we are not going to line her pockets or her lawyers' pockets," Mr Bennett said. "This is about money, it's always been about money

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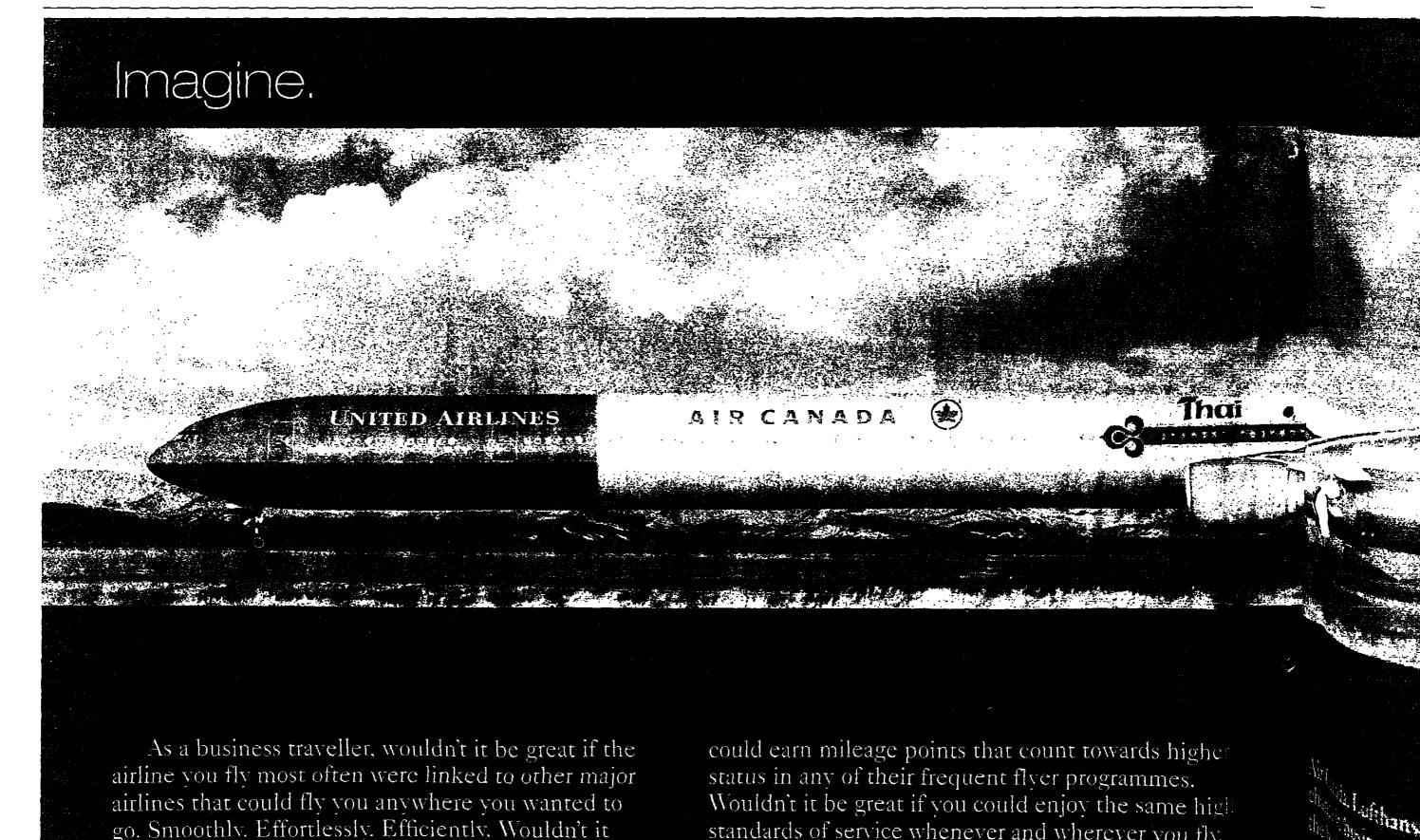
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Her lawyers said that their client did not want to profit from the case but they are recommending she seek some financial compensation. Any settlement, they said, must include an apology, an affirmation that her account of the incident is true and a statement that she did nothing wrong in the hotel.

\$700,000 (£425,000) in damages for defamation and violation of her civil rights. In an published today she said she was not expecting Mr Clin-ton to admit that he had exposed himself but wanted him to concede that he ordered a state trooper to come and get me and bring me up to that room".



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Passive smoker sues US tobacco giants for \$5bn

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

A LANDMARK case in which a Mormon air stewardess is suing Philip Morris, makers of Marlboro cigarettes, for \$5 billion (£3 billion) damages for injury suffered through passive smoking in flight cabins begins today in the Dade County Circuit Court, Florida. Observers are calling the case the first involving a passive smoker, the tobacco

trial of the century. The action is being taken by Norma Broin, 42, who discovered in 1989 that she had a particularly virulent form of lung cancer. A non-smoker by religion and inclination, she attributes her illness to the inhalation, over 13 years of working on aircraft, of other people's smoke.

Joined to the suit against Philip Morris are RJR Nabisco, Loews, Lorillard, the Brooke Group Ltd. American Brands, The American Tobacco Group and the Liggett Group - a virtual "who's who" of the cigarette world. Mrs Broin's suit is a "class action" - she is claiming damages on behalf of some 60,000 non-smoking flight attendants who allegedly contracted lung diseases and other ailments from "secondhand smoke" on American commercial flights. The suit is the first such "class action" against the country's powerful

tobacco companies. What makes this case really different from the vast body of ongoing tobacco suits, however, is the fact that Mrs Broin and her co-suitors are suing as passive smokers.

If Mrs Broin wins, the industry can expect to be sued by thousands of others in America who, as non-smokers, claim to suffer from the illeffects of passive smoking through no "fault" of their

Tobacco companies have, to date, tended to benefit in court from a simple argument: if a

### Weathermen change tack to Spanish Main

By Tunku Varadarajan

Waldo.

HURRICANES are now as likely to be male and Hispanic as female and Anglo-Saxon.

'America's weather agencies have announced their names for the forthcoming season's hurricanes. The list reads like a celebration of ethnic as well as gender diversity.

The National Weather Service and the Central Pacific Hurricane Centre appear have already buried the timehonoured tradition of naming hurricanes only after women. The tradition, started by the US Navy in the Second World War, always faced the wrath of feminists, who argue that a phenomenon as destructive as the hurricane ought properly to be male.

Storms visiting the Atlantic this year will be called by such names as Bill, Danny, Fabian, Henri, Larry, Nicholas, Peter and Sam. Forthcoming Pacific hurricanes fare no better. Kevin, Olaf, Rick, Terry and

But the Hispanic lobby has also blown fiercely on the subject and the "weather wallahs" have responded by reaching for their Spanish saints' list. Seafarers and islanders in the Caribbean can now look forward to hurricanes Ana. Isahel. Juan and Teresa. Those in the Pacific should brace themselves for Andrés, Blanca, Carlos, Dolores, Enrique, Felicia, Guillermo, Ignacio and Jimena.

person smokes, he or she engages in an activity of their choice. The consequences, therefore, are for that person to bear.

John Coffee, a professor at the Columbia University Law School in New York, explained: "Smokers who buy a packet of cigarettes have been given warnings that make them aware of the risks. But there is no reason for the jury to agree that these flight attendants assented to whatever risks tobacco posed."

Stanley Rosenblatt, Mrs Broin's counsel, said: "The arguments that smokers accept the risk, which I have never bought myself, certainly don't apply to my plaintiff. She had no choice."

The Florida courtroom promises to turn into a major scientific battleground as the tobacco industry has consistently denied that passive smoking can be blamed for illness.

Yesterday Daniel Donahue, deputy general counsel for the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, insisted that "there is no scientific evidence that would support a jury's finding that in an airplane cabin causes any diseases".

Expert witnesses for the tobacco industry are expected to argue that ozone, background radiation and "nontobacco cabin contaminants" were the true causes of Mrs Broin's sickness.

Furthermore, the industry is expected to reject the findings of recent medical studies which argue that passive smoking increases a person's risk of illness.

One such study, which Mrs Broin's lawyers could wave as a battle standard, was published only last month by researchers at Harvard University. After monitoring 32,000 non-smoking nurses over ten years it concluded that passive smoking doubles the risk of heart disease.



Princess Aisha Bint Hussein, King Hussein's daughter and commander of the Jordanian Army women's corps. inspects an Israeli military guard yesterday. She also had talks with Yizzhak Mordechai, the Defence Minister

# West Bank land sale killings rise

IN JERUSALEM

THE gangland-style killings of Palestinians selling land to Jews escalated yesterday when a third body was found dumped in the West Bank, and Israeli police rescued a fourth prospective victim as he was about to be abducted by Palestinian agents.

The three murders came after the Palestinian Authority, led by Yassir Arafat, imposed the death penalty on Arabs selling property to Jews.

As tensions over the land issue rose on both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian divide vesterday, a new group calling itself The Guardians of the Holy Lands" claimed responsibility for all three executions. Israeli and Western intelligence experts believe the group to be a front for Mr Arafat's security services.

being meted out were raised when Freih Abu Medein, the Justice Minister, announced that he had names of 200 land dealers sentenced to death in absentia by Jordan. Some Palestinians claimed the shadowy death squads may now try and carry out the sentences, which Jordan never

attempted to administer. Mr Abu Medein also said that at least 18 Arabs had so far been detained for question-

Jerusalem: A musician with

the Berlin Opera, presently

performing in Israel, was

sent home in disgrace yester-

day to face the sack after

signing a botel drinks bill

Adolf Hitler" (Christopher

Walker writes). The incident

provoked a diplomatic row,

rights activists believe some may be victims of torture in Palestinian jails where 14 people have died since the 1993 peace accord gave birth to the Palestinian Authority. Khader Shkeirat, a promi-

nent Palestinian human rights lawyer, appealed vesterday for the end of the death penalty. He said: "If there is any suspicion that someone sold land to the Israelis, he should be tried in an open court."

Berlin Opera and protests by

Holocaust survivors. When

asked by hotel staff to explain

his action, the 40-year-old

musician said: "Adolf Hitler

will pay you." He later

Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, said: The murder was carried out with the conspicuous encour-Musician offends Jews agement of top Palestinian Authority officials, which raises a big question mark prompting apologies by the German Embassy and the concerning their intention to

reach a peace agreement." Israeli police said that after the discovery of Jamhour's body they prevented the kid-napping of another suspect who had been bundled into a car by men connected to the Palestinian security.

locked in a bitter battle with

Israel over establishing a state

in the West Bank, Gaza Strip

and parts of Jerusalem, those

who sell land to Jews in these

areas are condemned as trai-

tors to the national cause. The

victim murdered on Saturday

near Ramallah was Mah-

Referring to the killing.

moud Ali Jamhour, 34.

#### Pope goes home to 'troubled' **Poland**

**By Roger Boyes** 

POPE John Paul II, stooped and shaking from age and illness, returned to Poland at the weekend and spoke of his concern about the "painful problems and tensions in his homeland.

The 11-day pilgrimage, launched in Wroclaw in southwest Poland, is turning out to be a deeply emotional trip as the hundreds of thousands of Polish believers crowding streets and churches sense that this might be the 77year-old Pope's last visit.

His first pilgrimage to Poland was in 1979 and it released the energy that spawned the Solidarity movement a year later. Now, clearly marked by Parkinson's disease and moving at a shuffling pace, he seemed to be saying farewell.

Every time I return home, I am deeply touched every return to Poland is like a return under the roof of the parental home. where every object re-minds me of what is closest and dearest," he said.

But the pilgrimage also has a political edge. Poland is modernising and the Catholic Church. unsure how to react, is deeply divided. The traditional villain, Communism, has been defeated yet its shadow continues to haunt Poland's bishops.

Should the Church defend its terrain, reject European and Nato membership (on the grounds that Western consumerism saps national morale) or should it adapt to changing times and find a new evangelical mission in Europe? The Pope yesterday warned the crowd of the dangers of a society permeated by ideas of democracy inspired by liberal ideology".

Photograph, page 24



# Pakistan stability threatened by rout of Taleban

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ISTAMABAD

TALEBAN's rout from northern Afghanistan - it has retreated 120 miles south in six days -- marks the collapse of an elaborate regional gameplan by Pakistan. The central pillar of Islamabad's foreign policy is in ruins.
This is potentially disas-

trous for an unstable country that tried to manipulate the creation of a friendly neigh-bouring government to stabil-ise the region and realise an old dream - winning access to Central Asia's trading opportunities and natural resources.

Instead it has made powerful enemies and gained nothing. It blundered last week into premature recognition of Taleban as the government of Afghanistan, convinced it was days away from overrunning the north and completing its two-and-a-half year conquest of the country.

Islamabad's mood was almost smug: a Pakistan-backed regime in Afghanistan would have given Islamabad immense regional authority and vindicated its clandestine support of the Taleban militia, a largely Pashtun student army with an extremist religious



Pakistani creation: it certainly had Islamabad's wholeheart-

Gohar Ayub Khan, Pakistan's Foreign Minister, hastily summoned a press conference to announce recognition of Taleban. His mood was exuberant, based on reports from ISI, Pakistan's intelligence agency, that Taleban's plain white flag was about to be run up in all but about 10 per cent of the country. He left no doubt that Pakistan favoured a Taleban victory.

They are in effective control of most of Afghanistan," he said. "Probably in the next few days they will conquer all of Afghanistan." Days later. when that assessment proved embarrassingly wrong, the Foreign Ministry issued a brief, vague statement declaring: "Our policy is one of strict

### Islamic leaders seek talks with warlord

FROM REUTER IN ISLAMABAD

REINFORCEMENTS have been rushed to the front line by Taleban after it was driven out of Mazar-i-Sharif, but it is delaying launching an attack on the northern city while it seeks talks with General Abdul Malik.

General Malik, an ethnic Uzbek leader, handed the Islamic movement an easy victory in the north last week, only to have his followers snatch it away. Taleban considers its pact with the general he has not been heard from since that confrontation — is still valid and is trying to

make contact with him. Muhammad Akhund, the Taleban Governor of the

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southern city of Kandahar, General Malik had taken no part in his followers' revolt, Taleban sources say they suspect that the general, if he is alive, is being held prisoner by other Uzbek commanders.

Taleban has issued a statement reminding the Uzbek commanders that Taleban leaders captured in Mazar-i-Sharif were invited there for talks and should not be harmed. On Friday, General Humayun Fauzi, an Uzbek commander, said that any attack on Mazar-i-Sharif could have "dangerous" consequences for the Taleban

non-interference in the inter nal affairs of Afghanistan." It was a striking change of tune. The myth of Taleban's in-

vincibility exploded in a night of street fighting in the northern capital city of Mazar-i-Sharif, when the holy warriors", as they call themselves, were slaughtered by the northern forces of General Abdul Malik, an Uzbek. Like Russia and Britain before it. Pakistan has learnt that meddling in Afghanistan can mean humiliation and, potentially, disaster.

The entire northern third of the country is hostile to Islamabad, and the more the northern forces continue their advance into Taleban-controlled territory, the greater will be the destabilising consequences for Pakistan, already fragile and vulnerable from guns. drugs, corruption, ethnic killings and religious conflict. It is now trapped by a redundant foreign policy under which it recognises a non-

existent government. Taleban, frustrated in its attempt to rule all of Afghanistan, could redirect its energies towards the old dream of creating a homeland, Pashtunistan, taking in Pashtun tribal areas in the North West Frontier Province of Pakistan. The Afghan northern forces will do what they can to destabilise Pakistan to avenge its support of Taleban.

Pakistan's dream of reaching the oil and natural gas reserves of Central Asia is dead. A gas pipeline from Turkmenistan to Pakistan would bring cheap, badly needed energy, but its construction requires peace - for which Taleban was created, probably with direct Pakistani support. Now the only certainty is that war will continue.

Saudi Arabia also recognised Taleban last week, lending credibility to suspicions that it, too, supported the Islamic army. Delta Oil of Saudi Arabia was to have been part of a consortium to build gas and oil pipelines from Turkmenistan through Afghanistan and into Pakistan, but a senior company official said recently: "It will never happen. I do not see any chance of peace."



Hong Kong marchers commemorate the 1989 crackdown in Tiananmen Square

### Democrats march in Hong Kong

FROM CATHERINE FIELD IN HONG KONG

MORE than 5,000 demonstrators marched through Hong Kong yesterday at the start of a four-day commemoration of the failed 1989 proBeijing's Tiananmen Square - more than double the number who took part last

They braved searing sumthan two hours to the offices of Xinhua, the news agency and China's unofficial em- Xinhua's entrance gates.

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**Seoul riots** 

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Seoul: Students armed with

bassy. Waving flags and chanting slogans calling for the release of China's bestknown dissidents, the protesters placed a gigantic portrait mer heat to walk for more of the Goddess of Democracy - the emblem of the 1989 protest movement - over-

# Canada Right's Call leader confident of a comeback

FROM TOM RHODES IN LONDON, ONTARIO

THE confident leader of Canada's Conservatives offered a simple message to British Tories as his party tries to come back from the dead in elections today.

In the rainy setting of London, Ontario, a drab provincial city thousands of miles from its namesake, Jean Charest, the charismatic figurehead of the Progressive Conservatives, said his British counterparts should create a party more accountable to its electorate. Mr Charest, 38, has some experience of humiliation and can easily relate to the crushing defeat of John Major In 1993, his governing party

was routed at the polls, leaving the then Deputy Prime Minister as one of only two Conservative members of parliament re-elected to the House of Commons in Ottawa. During the past three years he has travelled 300,000 miles, cajoling support in every quarter, restructuring the party and creating a new

policy platform. This would trim central government, lower the 10 per cent unemployment rate and, perhaps most importantly, attempt to exorcise past demons that forced his mentor, Brian Mulroney, to resign as Prime Minister before the last election. During a break in his schedule, Mr Charest said the new Tory leadership in Britain should follow the Canadian example. "I would tell them to build from the ground up, to change the whole party." he said. "I have spent my time travelling and asking Canadians what they want from Canada The British Conservatives should do the same."

Such advice may be prema-ture, however. Although Mr Charest is confident his tactics will pay dividends today and is expected to gain at least 12 seats required for official party status, he remains a victim of a country riven by regional divisions. The issue of national unity has proved as divisive for the Canadian Right as Europe was for Mr

Major. It has created growing support for the populist Reform Party in the west and, despite a poor campaign, given fur-

Québecois, the French-speaking independence party in the province. The Reform Party. led by Preston Manning, 54, the son of a popular Alberta Premier and radio preacher. has challenged the political orthodoxy of appeasing Quebec. He has built a firm base in the booming western provinces where many Canadians have lost patience with the separatists' damaging at-

tempts to upset the federation. The last referendum on 1995 produced the most embarrassing result for the Liberal government of Jean Chrétien, 63, and has continued to undermine the Canadian Prime Minister's credibility as a leader for the millennium Loyalists maintained the federation by a bare 50.5 per cent of the vote.

6 The issue of national unity is as divisive for the Canadian Right as Europe was for Mr Major 9

Although not on the ballot today, Quebec has become a shadow issue exploited by Mr Manning. And most see today's election as a shrill prelude to another referendum within two years.

Mr Manning has campaigned on a platform of equal footing for all Canadians and no privileges for Quebec, a province which maintains special laws governing the use of French language and culture. In an interview in Toronto, he said it was time for Canada to be led by a politician who is from outside Quebec.

Mr Chretien, Mr Charest, and Gilles Duceppe, leader of the Bloc Quebecois, are all Quebeckers. "I think the challenge to national governments. and that includes Tony Blair's programme for Scottish devolution, is to strike a balance," he said. "I think our shared experience will be relevant everywhere. Whoever can work out a balance between the centre and the regions has ther ammunition to the Bloc something to offer the world



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# Buthelezi's overture spurs moves for deal with ANC

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

crease in violence.

Sources close to the talks

have said that co-operation

agreements at local and, in

due course, national levels

could result in the ANC and

Inkatha, currently nominal

coalition partners, working

together even after 1999, when

there will be no constitutional

SOUTH AFRICA'S ruling African National Congress last night welcomed a call by Mangosuthu Buthelezi for his Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC to co-operate in a peace initiative in the troubled province of KwaZulu/Natal. An ANC spokesmen hailed Chief Buthelezi's peace overture as a positive development, but played down speculation that the parties might eventually unite. Earli-

er. Chief Buthelezi had endorsed unity talks between the ANC and Inkatha in KwaZulu/Natal. Chief Buthelezi's comments come amid peace efforts by

Danger toys

Cairo: Thousands of toys made from hospital waste, including syringes, were seized from an Alexandria factory. The owner faces one to three years in jail and a £2,150 to £5,500 fine. (AFP)

Deadly brew

Moscow: Eighteen people died over a three-day period from drinking vodka made from methylated spirits in Krasnoyarsk, Siberia. Seven died in hospital, the rest at home or in the street (Reuter)

60 miners killed

Beijing: More than 60 miners were killed by an explosion in Beilongleng coalmine, about 125 miles east of Shenyang, Liaoning's provincial capital. Last year 9,974 miners died in accidents. (AFP)

Widow attacked

Yonkers, New York: Betty Shabazz, the widow of Malcolm X, the assassinated black leader, suffered third-degree burns over 80 per cent of her body in a suspicious early-morning fire, (AP)

Tikhonov dies

Moscow: Nikolai Tikhonov, Soviet Prime Minister from 1980 to 1985, died of lung disease. He was 93. He was a close ally of the late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. (AP) Obituary, page 23 Jacob Zuma, the chairman of requirement for them to do so. the ANC, and Ben Ngubane, Noting that the two parties had moved closer on economic his Inkatha counterpart. which have seen a significant matters, Chief Buthelezi said they could no longer dodge other issues over which differthawing in relations. The talks' immediate aim is to stop ences existed, such as the conflict in KwaZulu/Natal federalism. which has claimed more than 14,000 lives since 1984. The initiative has brought a de-

☐ Nairobi: Four of Kenya's leading opposition MPs were released from house arrest yesterday after a rally at which President Moi said there would be no change to the constitution before elections this year. Meanwhile, security forces battled looters in a renewed flare-up of the rioting that gripped Nairobi on Saturday. (Reuter)

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# Ocean heat holds key to hurricane's secrets

The warmer the sea, the more frequent the hurricanes. Anjana Ahuja reports

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or hurricane-watchers, 1995 will go down ers, 1995 will go down as one of the most dramatic seasons since records began in 1886. There were II hurricanes and ig tropical storms, figures surpassed only in 1933 and 1969. A fortnight ago, scientists from University College London published compelling statistical evidence that this exceptionally high tally was linked to record sea warming.

Why should we be interested? The 1997 hurricane season officially started yesterday. If the link is to be believed, the season is set to be a prolific one because the sea is already slightly warmer than average. Moreover, other research has suggested that higher sea temperatures whip up more powerful hurricanes, which take longer to die out. That means damage might extend beyond the North Atlantic hurricane hotspots of the Caribbean and the American East Coast. For erample, Hurricane Lili survived its spin across the Caribbean last October to wind up on Britain's doorstep. It killed six people and wreaked enormous damage.

Hurricanes, also known as typhoons and cyclones, are whirling tropical storms that register the top score of 12 on the Beaufort scale of wind speed. Typical speeds inside the storm range between 20 and 50 metres per second.

The birth of a hurricane starts innocuously enough. with the evaporation of warm ocean waters. The waters need to be at least 27C. The evaporated water condenses into a cloud, and the condensation releases heat energy. This heat warms up parcels of air in the cloud, and the cloud rises.

In most cases, that is where the process stops. But if there the cloud can start swirling. Thunderstorm activity is also critical — it can introduce a vortex. As the cloud swirls, the vortex acts as a focal point for a drop in pressure. Winds are sucked in, and feed the vortex. Meanwhile, the warm waters continue to evaporate, bulking out the cloud as it rotates. Another contributing factor is whether wind speed varies with atmospheric height. known as wind shear. If the shear is low, the spinning storm remains upright rather than toppling over. This al-



Hurricane havoc in Texas: British scientists have linked the frequency of winds such as this to sea temperature

lows the hurricane to gather energy, bulk and momentum almost without bounds.

During formation, the hurricane glides across the ocean. Typical speeds are 20-30kmh. although they can approach 70kmh. As soon as the storm crosses land, it starts to die.

Dr Mark Saunders and Dr Andrew Harris, from the Greig Fester Centre for Hazard Research at University College London, decided to examine the sea surface tem-

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face temperature is the domi-nant influence on the frequenperatures for those years with a high number of hurricanes. cy of hurricanes. The average They focused on the Atlantic hurricane development region (10-20°N by 20-60°W). This is sea surface temperature for that area is 27.5C, and in 1995 the birthplace of the hurrithe temperature rose by 0.7C, the highest ever increase. "It canes that hit the Caribbean and America. The four worst takes an enormous amount of hurricanes to hit the area in energy to get that sort of rise," 1995 - Erin, Luis, Marilyn Dr Saunders says. and Opal - resulted in an insurance payout of \$7 billion.

In their paper in the journal

Geophysical Research Letters,

they concluded that sea sur-

Two top hurricane scientists, Dr Bill Gray and Dr Chris Landsea, of the United States Hurricane Research Division in Miami, have used the British research in their annual hurricane forecast, due out on Thursday, "It's a very good piece of work," says Dr Landsea. "It emphasises a factor that we've neglected in the past." There is one drawback - nobody has come up with a satisfactory physical explanation for the connection between sea warming and the number of hurricanes.

thors, whose research was fun-, ded by the Natural Environmental Research Council, have suggested that it involves a strange atmospheric phenomenon known as the temperature inversion layer. As a rule, temperature drops with height. But at about one to two kilometres above the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, this rule reverses. The temperature starts rising again. As with so much in hurricane research, the origin of the temperature inversion layer is unknown.

Dr Saunders says: "When clouds reach the temperature inversion layer, the sudden higher temperatures cause them to evaporate. That means hurricanes are less likely to form.

We suggest that when the sea surface temperature is higher, the energy released as the cloud condenses is greater. This heat somehow breaks down the temperature inversion layer. With the layer gone, the clouds are more likely to hang around. Consequently, there is more chance

of a hurricane developing." Meanwhile, Dr Landsea, in the middle of preparing the season's hurricane forecast, is keeping an eye on the sea temperature. "So far, the waters are fairly warm, which could boost the number of storms and hurricanes," he says. "We have to watch for other factors, too, such as the monsoon in Africa, which might push the numbers up. and the El Niño current in the Pacific, which might keep the

☐ Low-level nuclear exposure may be beneficial

# Healthy radiation

Hawkes

PEOPLE have begun to say the unsayable that radiation in small doses may be good for us. If true, it would overturn decades of well-intentioned advice, save huge amounts of money for industries that handle radioactive material, and ease the worries of people who live in homes exposed to radon gas.

The issue has been given new life as a result of studies of atom bomb survivors. These show that people who were far enough from the blast to have received only a low dose of radiation actually outlive those who were not exposed to radiation at all.

Similar results have come from other studies, as John Graham, a former president of the American Nuclear Society. summarised in a speech to a London meeting of the Uranium Institute last year. Mr Graham said that there was now 'reasonable to good" evidence that low-level radiation was beneficial.

Studies of participants in nuclear weapons tests in the early years of the Cold War. he said, had shown no statistically significant increases in cancer.

Similar studies made at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore of tens of thousands of US Navy shipyard workers exposed to radiation in the 1960s and 1970s had similarly shown no ill-effects. The workers exposed to radiation had suffered fewer cancers than non-exposed workers.

Studies of populations exposed to different background radiation levels have backed the claims. One study, in China. compared 74,000 people who lived in an area with radiation levels three to four times higher than normal with 77,000 people who lived with a normal background jevel. Cancer rates were

lower in the more highly ex-posed group. Similar findings SCIENCE America. BRIEFING Nigel

have been reported from Kerala in India. from Brazil, and in These studies may all be anomalies, but the US National Academy of Sciences and the US National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements have been sufficiently

interested to begin reviews. Those who believe there is a threshold below which radiation is not damaging argue that man has evolved in a world bathed in low-level radiation from rocks and cosmic rays. Such radiation can certainly damage cells, but cell damage is an everyday event for which repair mechanisms exist.

The more enthusiastic debunkers of radiation, including Mr Graham, who is now the vice-president in charge of environment, safety and health for British Nuclear Fuels' US subsidiary, believe that repairing radiation-induced damage gives the system a boost, which actually improves its functioning. "People predisposed to cancer should be given radiation throughout their lives," he says. 1 believe that one day radiation will become part of our daily exercise regime."
For the record, the National Radiological

Protection Board remains resolutely uncon-

#### Research into yeast boosts BSE theory



THE theory that diseases such as "mad cow" disease (BSE) and its human equivalent. Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) are caused by proteins that refuse to fold into their correct shape has

been given a boost by research into yeast. A team led by Dr Susan Lundquist, of the University of Chicago, has identified a protein in yeast that strings itself together into long fibres rather like those found in the brains of BSE and CJD victims. What is more, the team reports in Cell, the protein can "pass on" its peculiar properties to other identical proteins without the involvement of any genetic material.

The prion proteins in BSE and CJD cause brain damage by folding themselves into an aberrant shape. One misfolded prion can cause others to fold in the same way, spreading the infection. Some scientists have found the theory hard to accept, but the fact that a similar process can be seen going on in an organism as simple as yeast "gives us a clear structural basis for understanding how these things behave in the cell". says Dr John

#### Nasa joins Japanese asteroid mission



THE Japanese Institute of Space and Astronautical Sciences has set itself a tough target landing on an asteroid just one kilometre in diameter and bringing back samples for study. The mission,

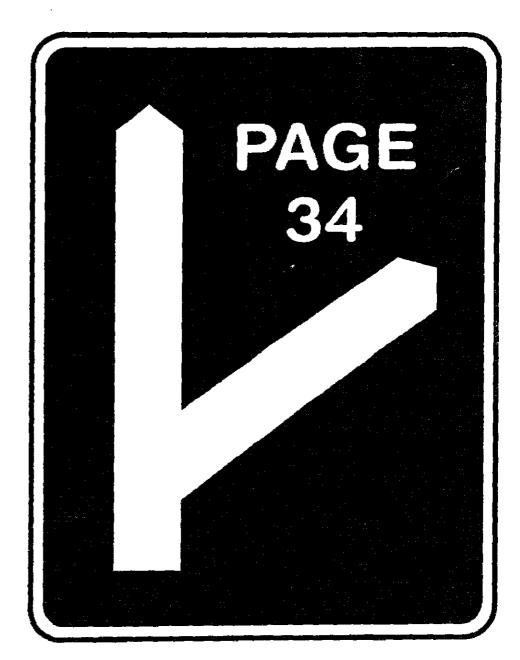
set for launch in January 2002, recently got a boost when Nasa agreed to build a rover vehicle that will be added to the payload. The £65 million spacecraft will be aimed

for Nereus, a near-Earth asteroid, and should take 20 months to get there. If all goes well, the rover will wander about on the surface, samples will be collected, and brought back to Earth for a landing in 2006.

Grabbing samples where there is insufficent gravity to dig or pick away at the surface will be tricky. The plan is to "splash" samples off the surface by firing projectiles at it, and then catching them in a funnel-like device. It may yield only one to five grams of material, but that should be enough to answer interesting questions about the make-up of asteroids. "It will be a world first," promises Dr Akira Fujiwara, the mission's chief scientist. "Asteroids are the

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# The downside of downshifting

On day one of our series, Grace Bradberry reports on what really happens when you opt for the simple life

IT IS the great dream of the 1990s — escaping the treadmill of work for a rural idyll where life is simpler. and the overheads lower.

Downshifting, an American term that has caught on here, is now Britain's fastest-growing lifestyle trend, Last year, 6 per cent of the population took a voluntary cut in their incomes. According to the Henley Centre for Forecasting, which conducted this survey, another 6 per cent intend to do so this year.

The concept is certainly seductive. As the cost of readymade meals, nannies, cleaners and travel to work mounts, the idea that we could take up less stressful work, cut out the extras and live better is appealing. It is also an ideal that fits with the 1990s Zeitgeist conspicuous consumption has been dropped in favour of anti-materialism and environmentalism.

But is voluntary simplicity — another American term — all it's cracked up to be? Tonight, Channel 4 begins a two-part series, The Good Life which examines how "exit strategies" work in practice. It becomes clear that there is a considerable downside to downshifting. One man wanted to shake off a persistent illness apparently caused by fatigue — but in the country he was stricken by another chronic condition. Another believed that taking on a small business in Wales would give him more time with his children. He now works an 18-hour day. Astonishingly, the people we spoke to insisted that their quality of life had improved — but there is no doubt that theirs are cautionary tales.

#### THE CHEESEMAKER'S TALE

LAST August Alan and Karen Revnolds sold their cottage in Surrey and moved to Carmarthenshire to make goat's cheese. Alan, 34, had worked for nine years in a large employment agency. His wife Karen, 40, had been made redundant by Shell. They have two daughters, Alice. now three, and Katie, two. Alan tells their story.

talked about working togeth-er, but it wasn't until we had the children that we began making serious plans. I left the house at six to commute to Croydon, and didn't get home until seven. I began to wonder what the point was in having children if you never saw them. On top of that I had very little job satisfaction and felt constantly unsure of my job security. Karen, who'd always had a job, was bored - but we didn't want someone else looking after our children.

We sat down and said right, what can we do? We wanted a rural location with a business attached or the potential for one. We also wanted some land because we loved animals. Cows were out - too expensive - and goats seemed the only option. We hit on this area because we could afford it, and I wrote to the secretary of the Milk Herders Association asking some general questions. She replied swiftly. saying "I've got just the property". The owner of a cheesemaking business was retiring because of ill-health. She had ME and arthritis.



The other options were to buy some holiday cottages, or a bed-and-breakfast place. But the cottage was in a beautiful setting, and we felt this would provide the most solid income. We looked over the accounts. did a few calculations and

We were not completely unprepared. Karen spent six months helping someone with goats before we moved, and the previous owner gave us a weekend's crash course in

The goats were another matter. They are not daft animals and they sense our inexperience. Simple things that we'd watched the previous owner do became trau-

into the milkingparlour, six at a time, stepped up onto the stand, their heads went down into the food trough, and we brought the yoke across. The goats played this game with us where one

would keep her head up. Just as she put it ruary. She was two days early down, another would pop up. We could be there for ages. Our tactic was to put tastier food in the trough - which cost more - but eventually they just got fed up.

We knew it would be hard, and that we would work seven days a week, but I didn't anticipate the hours being so long. Foolishly, as I now realise, we thought we would be inside having something to eat at eight in the evening. That's not the case at the moment. Sometimes it will be midnight and we're still work-

made an offer.

cheesemaking. We moved down in August,

and the same afternoon we were milking. Within 18 hours of arriving we made cheese. That part was always my big worry, but apart from one batch that was a disaster through our own fault, and another two that were unsellable, it's gone well.

should have done a business plan, but we didn't'

The first goat gave birth in Feband we weren't there. It was a terrible start, one of the kids was deformed and had to be put down, then the other would not drink. All our reading had said 'just coax them on, they'll find the teat". It took hours. After that it became easier. We had one breech birth but a farmer came along just as we were panicking. The most we had giving birth at one time was four. It was the middle of the night and we were racing from one goat to another.

We had 76 kids in all, and

ing, and we think "we've only

got five hours in bed". Not

surprisingly, we both get very

stressed. People say "take haif

an hour each day to be by

yourselves", but which half

Looking back, we should

have done a business plan, but

we didn't. We looked at the

previous owners' accounts, but

there were still intangibles.

For one thing, she had only

kidded half the

herd each year.

our sole source of

income so we need-

ed to kid them all.

That meant a large

drop in milk pro-

duction during the

winter, which we

are trying to make

up for now. It also

meant a lot of

hour? We can't find it.

after four days each one had to be transferred to powdered in other words you feed them yourselves. At one stage we were feeding 20 or 30, three times a day. It was mayhem, we were totally unprepared. You would persuade one to drink and the others would gather round. nudging. Then the kid would stop drinking. We became very wound-up, actually emo-

tional about it. We sold all but 14, which we kept as replacement stock Our herd is actually pretty old, which we didn't realise when

we bought it.

Thankfully, we are now making money. Our target was 40 cheeses a week, and we have exceeded that. We have also gained new customers. I think things will get better for us, and I am convinced the children will be happier here. Alice, the older one, loves it. After three months she recognised and named every goat we've got. Karen and I only know them by their udders.

Alice knows their faces, too. We feel guilty about not being able to take the girls swimming more often, or read to them, but the flipside is that they get the attention of two parents all day long.

I never wake unable to face another goat, and I never regret our decision. Even knowing what I now know I would still have come here but I possibly would have looked at alternatives a bit harder.

MURRAY NASH. 38. was a senior manager at Currys, covering the London area, when he was struck down by chronic fatigue syndrome, becoming ill for a week each month. Seven years ago, he and his wife Helen, 37, decided to sell their house in Hertford and move to Powys in a Mercedes camper van in the hope that his health would improve. They have three children, Hazel, 14, Ricky, 11, and Darius, four. After spending three months travelling in Europe, Murray remained ill, so they moved into a small house in Wales. During that time, Murray began experiencing chronic back pain, which has never left him. They now live

> own crisis. v husband used to come to this part of Wales on holiday. Driving through Rhayader, the nearest town to us now, the sun would be shining and it would be beautiful. Then we went back to London and Murray started getting ill. The doctor said it was stress and we said "Right, let's get rid of our mortgage". It seemed so simple. We sold our house, bought a small one in Wales without a garden as a temporary base.

and went travelling. The

on his invalidity benefit.

While he tries to cope with the pain, Helen has had her

THE MANAGER'S TALE plan was to chill out, then

Alan, his wife Karen, Alice and Katie: "We are now making money. I think things will get better for us, and I am convinced the children will be happier here. Alice loves it"

build another house to live in permanently. But when we stopped travelling, we couldn't sell the house we had bought. Prices had dropped and we'd spent most of our money. Murray's back went, and I became pregnant. Suddenly, there were going to be five of us and the house wasn't big enough. We managed to find this barn that we're living in. It was my husband's idea. If it

wasn't for him. I don't think I'd be here. I took one look at what was really a shell and said "How on earth can you make that a home?"

He persuaded me, and we got two caravans and put them in the garden. I must

Simple life: Helen and Murray Nash live in a barn

have been completely mad. I had a month-old baby and was living in a mobile home with no sanitation. We stayed there for two years. After the first winter, my husband's back was really bad and I had to look after him as well as the children. Finally, I said "Let's get a council house. I can't stand it any longer." But we weren't

eligible. Murray's back was so bad and I thought we'd have to give up our barn. He was so depressed that I had to keep my chin up. Then one day I snapped. I had to take my son to the doctor because his jaw was aching and I arrived just as surgery had ended. The doctor said "How's Mur-

ray?" I screamed "Murray? Murray? Everyone wants to know how Murray is. What about me?" He said: "I ve been waiting for this for three years." I didn't want to take pills so he suggested counselling. I did a year and it didn't work. I couldn't stop crying. Nothing was going to change. How would we ever afford to live in a house? But if we gave all this up, where would we go? Neither of us worked. We had children who needed coats and shoes. A friend said "Why don't you look on the tablets as a holiday". So I did for a while. I still go to group therapy.

But it is wonderful up here. When we first moved here, we went through a phase of missing London. We'd be desperate to go back and then wonder why we had bothered. Then we would drive back to Wales and feel Thank God, we're back".

I do miss some things my friends, ordering takeaways. There's no anonymity here - everyone knows your business. But it's nice to walk down the road and have people wave and smile even if you don't know them.

Our life is certainly simple now. The microwave's gone. so has the dishwasher we've had to sell everything. ● The first part of The Good Life is on Channel 4 tonight at 9pm TOMORROW: Running a country pub



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# Brief encounter in Carnforth

been in the way tooped and broken like an ancient prizefighter, the big man blinking against the sunshine seems almost grateful to be confronted by an unwelcome caller. Perhaps any distraction is better than the guilty solitude

that only a spoilt priest can experience. Roderick Wright, the former Roman Catholic Bishop of Argyll and the Isles who fathered a child by one woman before running away with a divorced mother of three, is now living with her in their small, three-bedroom house on an estate in Carnforth, Lancashire.

It is the couple's second home together: they came here from their first "love nest" in Kendal, hoping to escape the notoriety that enveloped them after selling their story to the News of the World. He is unemployed, and fills the hours decorating, room by room.

Now you are here you had better come inside . . . but how did you find out where I was living?" he asks.

The "shamed" bishop appears to have Lung diseins given up all pretence that the relationship which ended his career in the Church is non-sexual.

There was a clash between celibacy and desire - I lost and, because of that, have caused suffering to so many, myself included."

He admits that he is unhappier and more ashamed of himself now than he was last September when public disclosure of his philandering sent shock waves through the Church. There are so many black days and

there are a few slightly better ones," he volunteers. "But then, what should I expect when I have let so many people Since his spectacular fall from grace,

Wright has been pursued by the demons of his conscience. "The suffering I have caused will not leave me alone. Wouldn't you feel guilty if.

as a Catholic bishop in your mid-50s, you had allowed this to happen?" In a storyline twist worthy of Graham Greene. Wright and his lover, Kathy MacPhee, have chosen to make what they hope will be their permanent home in a market town made famous on film for the triumph of restraint over sexual desire. Carnforth station was, of course, the

setting for Brief Encounter, the classic 1945 weepie starring Trevor Howard and Celia Johnson, who, despite their immediate passion for each other, decided that duty counted for more than love. The message is not lost on Roderick Wright, a man with time on his hands and

palpably miserable, he plays constantly with a heavy gold crucifix at his neck. "I keep thinking about the pain that I-

sin on his mind. Unemployed and

The disgraced former Roman Catholic Bishop of Argyll has moved to Lancashire with his lover. Interview by **Bill Frost** 



At first the bishop denied rumours

Wright paces the small living room and fingers a bandage on his ear. "I have had this infection for weeks and the antibiotics don't seem to be working. I suppose I am just run-down."

While Mrs MacPhee, 4l, works as a supply nurse at a nearby hospital - staff have been told to deny that she is employed there - her lover decorates their new home. He enjoys painting and there is nothing else to do but wait for her

He obviously dreads inactivity in the quiet close where they have settled. The neighbours are friendly enough but his memories torture him. "I suppose everyone has turned against me, and I am not surprised," says Wright.

As though on a taped loop, his conversation returns again to pain, remorse and regret. The tiny front room has become a confessional.

"I just feel I have let so many people down." he says. "How could I ever have

Wright admits that he will never forgive himself, nor will his accusers. The former bishop is the first to agree that so many

Whibley spent 15 years believing that he would abandon his vocation for family life and acknowledge their son Kevin. Last September she read how he had left Mother Church only to live with Mrs MacPhee. Like so many others, she had been duped. For while Wright was organising his new life, he had promised the mother of his child that he would visit them both to "honour a pledge". When Wright failed to show up, she was

"I did not totally expect him to come. but he said he would, and I had no reason to expect that he would lie so monumentally. In my heart I did not think he would, but in my head I thought it inconceivable to think that someone could lie.

Then, days later, the story broke. "It

was a very painful business, having my stupidity held up for everybody to see. But in the end it is quite a small price to pay for the truth to be told.

"I want this whole sorry business to go away. Sometimes I look on it as a joke. Here is Roddy, this bishop, who has run away from reality, taking a nurse to look

after him in his frailty.

I have been stupid, but he is being stupid again and again and again. Whether it is wickedness or madness. I don't know." she said last Christmas.

There is small wonder at her fury: the remarks came as the press revealed how Mrs MacPhee's "sexy red knickers hung next to the bishop's large blue Y-fronts" on the washing line in the garden of their first home together in Kendal. And despite the couple's claims that the relationship was "non-sexual", neighbours spoke of "a double bed and giggles in the night".

There were other betrayals, too. Wright had been confronted by his superiors three years before his affair with Mrs MacPhee became public property and told Cardinal Thomas Winning, Scotland's most senior Catholic churchman, that there was no truth in such "scurrilous rumours" of philandering.

hen his bishop fled to the Lake District. Winning declared: "I don't know what to believe any more." His deputy, the Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, was less equivocal.

When one opens a can of worms, one just doesn't realise what is at the bottom of it," he said. "This Roddy Wright has had a weakness with regard to sexuality. To call him a modern-day Judas would be an accurate description. He has sold himself to the highest bidder."

In Oban, Father Sean MacAulay, parish priest for what was Wright's Cathedral, at first expressed compassion. have caused. I keep wondering how this have been betrayed: his Church, his flock Roddy must have spent every day in has happened. he says. As he speaks, and at least one former lover. Joanna great torture - I don't think he would



have seen himself as living a lie." he said. Time soured his view, though. "I cannot express my disgust at hearing he has done this . . . it is all over now. Like Christ was betrayed by someone for 30 pieces of silver, perhaps we feel similarly

betrayed. The words ring still in Wright's ears as tracksuit bottoms. However, nothing said by his critics can be as bad as the verdict

he passes on himself. "There was a story last month that I was on unemployment pay. plus £300 a month in housing benefit. It was all nonsense - I am not claiming anything. My partner is work-

ing and I live with her. Before we moved here from Kendal. there were high-speed chases as I took he nervously picks flecks of paint from his Kathleen to work at the hospital anything for a photograph of us together. So, sure, one gets upset and paranoid."

The tape loop kicks in once more and Wright talks of his remorse: mea maxima

culpa.

I let people down and caused so much pain. Perhaps I will write a book one day to explain how and why this happened . . . but not yet, it is all too painful."

Wright has learnt his confession off by heart. However, he is as unwilling to forgive himself as his victims are to

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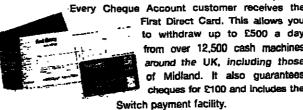
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**POP** 

After a six-year hiatus, the Pet Shop Boys are back, with a three-week residency at the Savoy Theatre **OPENS: Thursday** 

n 1969 a Mrs E.R. Fieldhouse produced a survey on local dialect. She questioned 248 schoolchildren in Barrow-in-Furness. As a follow-up in 1993, a Mr in a cold and icy climate, scored 50 J.T. Franks did a similar survey. If you are interested in the roots of our language and what we nourish from the past, I suggest you tighten your seatbelts or come

failed the test. Because the results make morose reading for those of us who see the dialect as the soul-speak of the old countryside, the register of a living past, the conduit of a fertile

back to this column when you are

reinforced by melancholy at the

end of a day which has yet again

tradition.
In 1969 44 pupils knew of and used the word swill (an oval basket woven from oak laths). In 1993 only one pupil used or understood the word. Lonning (lane) - much easier to retain, you might think, especially in the wild North - scored 35 in 1969 and a desolate three in 1993. Slape (slippery), another word surely indomitable Why dialects are dying beyond our ken

in 1969 and two in 1993. Some other words did a little better. Lile (same as laal, meaning little or small) scored 50 in 1969 and 25 in 1993. Yam (home) scored 51 and 27; sneck (latch of a door or gate) 45 and 10.

But to come down from these rather modest heights of retention, there were many words quite well known in 1969 which figured not at all in the patois of the young in Barrow-in-Furness 24 years later. And there were howlers seemingly planted especially for the guard-ians of dialect — crack (talk or conversation) meant to the young. yes, a drug; ken (to know) was a

character in Coronation Street. The above comes largely from William Rollinson's book The Cumbrian Dictionary of Dialect. Tradition and Folklore. I wrote a foreword to the book and count Bill Rollinson as a friend. Nevertheless, as well as providing pasture for hours of pleasant grazing for those who go Laking ione of Wordsworth's only known jokes was to pun laiking — playing — with laking — touring the Lake District), the book raises a number of crucial points. Perhaps the most brutal is, who

cares? Nobody much, it seems, save a few embattled natives and a strolling cast of interested tourists.

But does the culture care? The culture which is so - impressively - open to all sorts of ethnic imports, so keen to multiply our religious teaching and historical teaching and language teaching. and all credit to that. But what, one might say, about those of us who come from deeply seated cultures inside these islands, cultures

which riddle Shakespeare and

glory Burns and grit Lawrence

and give weight and authority to Hardy and have risen again, miraculously, in the contemporary Glasgow street school?

Is the BBC the culprit, with its

much of this century - an accent I now recognise around part of my life and to some extent participate in, but one which I know for many reasons alienates millions? Or is it the remorseless colonisation of Estuary English begun - one might only a little fancifully argue - by Chaucer and chewing away

ever since? Is it the voice of power and authority which demands a clean bill of mouth before entry is allowed in influential corridors? Or is it, more kindly, the inevitable result of the concentration through faster and faster communications of what has increasingly become a small, compact country?
In my schooldays we had two

languages, as near as dammit. When I spoke accented dialect I was - thankfully - incomprehensible to my teachers, who reacted by caning this rough beast until it

classroom. I also learnt to talk comprehensible English, albeit (now there's another useful throwback) equally accented, as was happily pointed out to me by the young gentlemen of Oxford University in 1958. No bones broken.

n my first novel I represented the country people talking in the dialect which looks on the page like muddy boots on a newly fitted carpet. My editor. David Farrer, said that it was no doubt very true but it would not travel. kept it and the book did travel, but his comment became an admonition and, looking back, I began to heed it. Or perhaps it was that as my life centred more and more on London, the sound and feeling of those old words began to fade.

But now the news comes from Barrow-in-Furness that we are in the death throes. Just as that part

of our countryside which is not a factory has now become a national park - a wonderful simulacrum of nature - so dialect is now "taken up" all over the land by societies and publishers eager to revisit what is clearly our own rooted world, but also a world

**REVIEW: Saturday** 

fading fast.
Why did we not fight harder for what is so profoundly ours? The itch to find a culprit will not go away. We have willingly stamped out the dialect and let it go in an act of complicit vandalism not dissimilar to that which destroyed our monasteries. We have pushed out our early spoken language as surely as precious traditions in Africa and the Amazon have been crushed. Perhaps there is no use for it in our sleek, screened, Internetted silent world. No need for babblement and blatin, no need for ahint and aslew, for douker and everty, for gawp and girt, kyne and lait, quindam and ryle, taggelt and throstle . . . I can't help thinking that we are much the

OPERA: The Royal Opera opens its Verdi Festival with a fine revival. Plus, a definitive Janáček staging in Glasgow

Like Christmas every day

This year's Verdi Festival opened in grand style on Friday with Sir Georg Solti, the Royal Opera's music director laureate, conducting Elijah Moshinsky's staging of Verdi's final thoughts on Simon Boccanegra (1881): it will end in six weeks' time with a new production of his first, 1857 version. Hitherto the latter has been written off as little more than "interesting", but a con-cert performance in the first

#### Simon Boccanegra Covent Garden

Verdi Festival two years ago revealed a work of unexpected consistency and power, and a full-scale staging was immedrediscovery and re-evaluation are part of what this noble seven-year project is all about.

In between come Rigoletto, the first version of Macbeth and concerts of Oberto, plus all manner of ancillary events from lectures by Pierluigi Petrobelli, dean of Verdi scholarship, to sessions with rare recordings and play-readings. There may be people in the world who don't believe that Verdi is among the greatest of all opera composers — though they will not be found at my dinner table — but for every-one else the next six weeks will be Christmas Day with the repeat-button firmly pressed.



Kiri Te Kanawa as Amelia in Elijah Moshinsky's production: "There are things she does more eloquently than any other soprano of our time"

No need for re-evaluation at Friday's Boccanegra, save to note gratefully that this revival was far better than the last. rather dismal showing two years ago, the dramatic focus

tighter, the lighting more careful — and Michael Yeargan's beautiful Renaissance settings do rely on subtlety of light to make their effect.

Sir Georg proved to be the

sprightliest of octogenarians, ever-attentive to matters of dynamic and detail, eyes and hands shooting clear instructions to both pit and stage with characteristic authority. Maybe the man's sheer energy led to his Soltianly pushing on a little too eagerly in the earlier scenes - the father-daughter recognition duet seemed a bit of a scramble - but the Council Chamber ensemble had authentic Verdian thrust and the perfectly moulded death scene could not have

been more autumnal. Many of the cast were the same as when the production was new in 1991, and Alexandru Agache was in stunning form in the title role. Tall and heavily built, he is perfect casting physically: you really believe this man is a pirate when he bursts on stage in the Prologue. He manages the ageing process with great

skill and - supported on two sticks, racked with the pain of slow poison - seemed to shrink to half his size in the last act. His singing is equally imposing and varied; the great outburst in the Council Chamber stopped the heart with its sheer vocal power, and was balanced by the sweetest pianissimo top F at the end of the

recognition duet. As before, he found an ideal antagonist in the Fiesco of Roberto Scandiuzzi, whose presence is equally imposing

-- his straight-backed carriage properly patrician, his eyes flashing with righteous anger. Scandiuzzi's cavernous bass tone, through which every word is crisply projected, is just the job, and the final reconciliation of these two old enemies in the last act was profoundly stirring.

Kiri Te Kanawa returned as Amelia, a tole long in her repertory and one of which she knows every nook and cranny. She may "manage" the voice with more care than some-

down. A good opening RODNEY MILNES for 1922 with the sound of all

times in the past, but there are

things she does, especially her

soaring hymn to peace in the Council Chamber, more elo-

quently than any other sopra-

no of our time. Alan Opie was

once more an Iago-scale Paolo,

and while ideally a heavier tenor than Marcello Giordani

is needed for Gabriele, once

lems he didn't let the side

past some early pitch prob-

# Bright-eyed, bushy-tailed

playing at Covent Garden, and The Makropoulos Case poised to open at Glyndebourne, Britain lacked only The Cunning Little Vixen to complete the triptych of operas which Janá-ček wrote in the last feverishly creative ten years of his life. Scottish Opera has provided the missing panel in a robust and earthy revival at the Theatre Royal of David Pountney's now well-nigh de-

finitive production. As a dragonfly leaps over a sleeping badger, as parasols bloom into spring, and as owls click their knitting needles high in the treetops. Rebecca Evans makes her foxy Scottish Opera debut, bushy of tail.

and bright of eye and voice. seductive movers in the role indeed, Stuart Hopps's revival and choreography as a whole has a disarmingly roughhewn quality about it — but there have been few Vixens in the history of this production to equal Evans in sheer vocal sensuousness. The Welsh soprano's ripe and clear enunciation is delightfully tinted by many a native hue: Milk Wood seems not so very far from Moravia as she wakes Mr Badger with a pert "So 'e's

found is tongue at last!" Speech rhythms were, for Janáček, "windows into the soul of man" and, as they are filtered into this score together with the myriad sounds of nature lovingly transcribed and assimilated by the composer throughout his life, so the listener is engaged at a uniquely deep, often subconscious level. Janaček even notated the sound of silence itself; and he filled his journal

being. "collecting suitable company for my Cunning Little Vixen".

The insect-like movement of bow on string can make the skin itch, just as the woodwind elegies make the heart ache. With the Scottish Opera Orchestra conducted by Martin Andre emphasising the physicality and the dance within the music, the score took on a

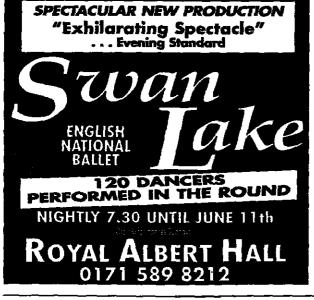
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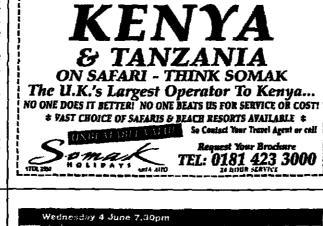
bold, rather than a nervously

finely-tuned, presence. stronger than that in the pit Neil! Archer's Fox and Stephen Gadd's Poacher potently activate that moment of sudden rapture when their lovesongs collide. The Forester, Janacek's bridge between the animal and human worlds. finds David Barrell nicely raw of edge and bright of detail. providing an energetic foil for the plaintive Schoolmaster tenor of Peter Hoare, and for William McCue's venerable

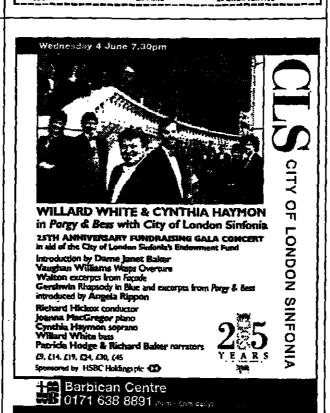
and melancholy Parson. The young of all breeds are too numerous to mention; vet a loud croak of praise is especially due to Thomas Dean's fearlessly projected Frog. As he gives the cue for the Forester's final epiphany of nature's cycle, the Vixen (which plays tomorrow. Thursday and Saturday before moving to Newcastle and Edinburgh) seems a litting herald of summer.

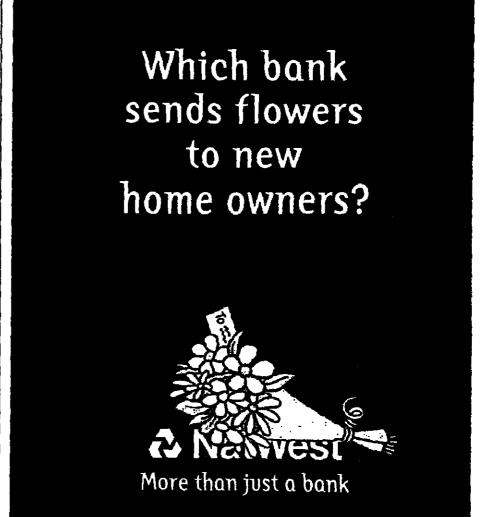
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# Old sports and good ones

THEATRE: That vintage

American baseball musical. Damn Yankees, is back in

London. Matt Wolf meets the team

roadway doesn't get much more quintessentially American than Damn Yankees, the 1955 musical that pits the now-defunct Washington Senators against the New York Yankees in an Eisenhower-era fable concerned in equal measure with baseball and Faust. Although British theatre is somewhat more accommodating to the latter legend than to talk of shortstops, fly balls and home runs, the Richard Adler-Jerry Ross-George Abbott musical has had a reasonably robust history on this side of the Atlantic.

Its London premiere played at the Coliseum for 258 performances in 1957, with the skating and dance star Belita paired with Bill Kerr in the roles of Lola and the Devil (originated by Gwen Verdon and Ray Walston). A classical dancer curiously cast in the lead, Belita was followed after three months by Elizabeth Seal, who had been discovered in the West End in Ross and Adler's previous collaboration, The Pajama Game, another show scheduled for imminent London revival. And not 18 months ago. London's enterprising Bridewell Theatre off Fleet Street mounted its own acclaimed smallscale production of Damn Yankees. which prompted talk of a West End

In fact, it is the recent Broadway touring production that the Adelphi Theatre is currently housing - a recast staging of the 1994 New York revival, at whose opening night cocreator Abbott made an emotional appearance, aged 106 (he died not long afterwards). Victor Garber launched the run as the devilish Applegate, the suave conjurer who transforms a middle-aged suburbanite into a youthful slugger, only to be replaced as the run continued by Jerry Lewis, making his Broadway debut. Now 71, Lewis is coming to London in the same Mephistophelean part, which means audiences can get a glimpse of the original "Nutty Professor" even as they hum along to (You Gotta Have) Heart and Whatever Lola Wants (Lola Gets).

the musical's best-known numbers. "It was at the right time, the perfect time in my life. It's the best show I've ever seen in a theatre," says Lewis. explaining a commitment that will keep him with Damn Yankees up to the millennium: he hopes to close the production on Broadway on Decem-



Damn Yankees director Jack O'Brien with composer Richard Adler, 75. the only surviving member of the original offstage creative team

ber 31, 1999. Before that a world tour planned, incorporating Berlin, Toronto and Montreal, Australasia and, of course, Paris, where Lewis is

critical sea change that has afflicted numerous New York exports of late. from Sylvia, The Heidi Chronicles and Old Wicked Songs through to the newest, Master Class? "I would have said 10 or 12 years ago that this would be a no-go whatsoever," says the director, Jack O'Brien, who was responsible for revising the book in order to shift some of the musical's Fifties attitudes into the Nineties. (He has also given the song Two Lost Souls to Lola and Applegate, so that the leads get an eleventh-hour duet.)

But now, says O'Brien. "I think TV and CNN in particular have changed all that. We know a lot about international sports now; we even get snooker, for crying out loud. Now

that the world's gotten smaller. there's a lot more cognisance of what baseball is. More importantly, this isn't a musical about baseball. This is a musical with an affectionate poke at But might this slice of vintage "Faust, and I dare say Britain knows Americana not suffer the same more about Faust than it cares to

> Brien started the production in 1993 at the Old Globe Theatre in San Diego, where he has been artistic director since 1982: his next project there is Othello, with the Royal Shakespeare Company alumnus Richard Easton as Iago. The idea that we're here in the West End four years later is such a bafflement to me. It's such a tribute to the show itself and to the whimsical nature of theatre.

> "Who knew that this would become Jerry's vehicle? He was not at all what I wrote the piece for. I certainly wasn't thinking about an internation

al clown. I was thinking about somebody outside of time and someone who was a satirist, and in an odd way, Jerry qualifies on both counts."

Casting a far longer glance back at the show is the co-composer Richard tne jone member oi original offstage creative team who is still alive. "I never in ten million years would have thought this musical would have anything approaching this success, ever, says Adler, an enthusiastic 75-year-old, who called his autobiography You Gotta Have Heart after the first-act showstopper.

done that. He was my great friend, my mentor, my guardian in a way." Forty years on, the show's innocence is what endures, alongside an emphasis - now almost quaint - on the comic element of musical comedy." "I like to go to the theatre and have

says Adler, contrasting his show with this season's Broadway hit, The Life, which is all about hookers and pimps; it's sleaze". O'Brien places Damn Yankees

among "those glorious light-hearted musicals of the Fifties that always work in the way that Shakespeare's golden comedies always work. This show was the calling card to a lot of careers of those of us who are out there now. It's not profound, but what it is is irresistible, and what better excuse for theatre could

■ Damo Yankees is in preview and onens on Wednesday at the Adelphi (0171-413

#### LONDON CONCERTS

# Fitting praise

THE 100th anniversary of Erich Wolfgang Korngold's birth could not have come at a better time: Romantic, tonal harmony is back in, and film scores are now taken seriously as a genre. Korngold's reputation is riding higher than ever before, and as more of his works enter the repertoire, it becomes possible to make better informed judgments as to the quality of his ocuvre. This centenary event intro-

duced us to two chamber works not previously performed in this country. The Suite, Op 23, for two violins, cello and piano left hand was written for the one-armed Paul Wittgenstein. Opening with a formidable cadenza for the planist that seems determined to compensate for any digital deficiency, the work continues in equally individualistic vein. If the first two movements conjure Korngold's Viennese background the first in the coffee house, the second the ballroom — it is done in inimitable style. The Scherzo is a precipitate rush

into grotesquerie. Bengt Forsberg, seemingly the moving force behind this revelatory programme, delivered the piano part with aplomb, while Ulf Forsberg and Kjell Lysell (violins) with Mats Lidström (cello) generally triumphed over the music's

Korngold Anniversary Wigmore Hall

They were joined by the violist Veronica Steinäcker for the Piano Quintet in E Major, Op 15, which strives, like the Suite, against the medium itself. The piano part not merely aspires to concerto status, but emulates the full orchestra as well. Yet the hazy glissandi of the slow movement herald a passage of glorious lyrical inspiration, and it is otherworldly moments like this that signal the true genius of which Korngold was capable.

Bengt Forsberg is best known as Anne Sofie von Offer's accompanist, and he was joined by her for two groups of Korngold's songs. ranging from simple Brahms-ian Lied through the painful separation of the Lieder des Abschieds to the almost Schoenbergian radicalism of In meine innige Nacht. Von Otter covered that range with consummate artistry and returned to sing, as an encore, Marietta's Song from Die tote Stadt in a ravishing arrange ment by Forsberg himself.

> Barry MILLINGTON

### Crushing vitality

WITH Elektra still tingling in his baton, Christian Thielemann has Richard Strauss very much on his mind at the moment. So it was no surprise that in his concert with the London Symphony Orchestra the composer was almost stiflingly omnipresent.

The evening began with the double string orchestra version of the late Metamorphosen, a threnody for the destruction of German culture. The moment is focused in Strauss's own quotation, towards the end, of the halting rhythmic figure from the Funeral March of Beethoven's Eroica Symphony, And in Thielemann's performance the work moved relentlessly towards this point, superscribed by Strauss with the words "In memoriam".

Some of the strings' entries seemed to blur rather than clarify Strauss's varied polyphonic textures. And this tendency reappeared in the Eroica itself which followed

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after the interval. At first this promised to be a performance of some excitement. With cellos and basses banked up to left and centre of the stage, the low groan of the beginning of the Funeral March seemed to come from the innermost ward movement seemed constantly dragged back so that Strauss's own anguished la-

once again. But before long the thick, sustained textures created by Thielemann began to be as mannered and oppressive as the aggressively driven and finally lifeless finale. There is more life-affirming exuberance and less brute force in Beethoven's heroism than Mr Thielemann's philosophy seems to know or to care for.

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# A sheep in Wolf's clothing?

Timothy Garton Ash on the

real face of a spymaster

hat are we to make of Markus "Mischa" Wolf? Despite his recent conviction by a German court, the former East German spymaster may soon be visiting Britain to promote his already much-hyped memoirs, Man Without a Face. He is irresistible copy, of course. Billed as "the real-life Karla" - although John le Carré has always insisted that Wolf was not the model for any of his characters - the word "legendary" sticks to him like fluff to a nylon jacket.

He was called "the man without a face" because, until 1978. Western secret services did not have even a photo-graph of him. With the aid of his so-called "Romeo" spies, sent to seduce lonely secretaries in Bonn, he ran one of the most successful intelligence operations in postwar Europe. A fluent Russian-speaker, a gifted cook, good-looking, articulate: the gurgling news-paper profile just writes

On the other side, unseen, never profiled, there are the people to whose fate the German court has now drawn to our attention: a 26-year-old secretary abducted to East

Berlin, where the Stasi tried to "persuade" her to spy on her American employers: a His service Stasi officer and his was closely girlfriend who, having defected to the integrated West, were kidnapped back to the with a vast East and then imapparatus prisoned for many vears: the Leipzig printworker who repression was imprisoned for

200 days while the Stasi tried to "persuade" him to help to frame Willy Brandt as a Nazi collaborator.

In all these cases, the court held Wolf to be directly recommand. On this dark side, too, are the ruined lives of which Wolf coolly recounts in his book and the Stasi's support for international terrorism, including the PLO and "Carlos". All this has led one of our leading academic specialists on intelligence matters. Christopher Andrew, to characterise him bluntly as a

I have spent a good part of the past few years dissecting the Stasi, starting from the strange experience of reading my own Stasi file, and I talked to Wolf in Berlin last year. I find that the reality is more complicated. Neither legendary superman nor simple thug, Wolf was the head of a very effective secret service. His memoirs provide further vivid evidence of the way that West Germany was penetrated from top to bottom. The intellectual son of a playwright, and brother of a leading film-director. Wolf also makes really interesting reflections on the historical context of Cold War spying — and particularly on why West Germans agreed to work for

Charming, well-dressed, thoughtful, he is quite unlike all the other pot-bellied, narrow-minded, philistine Stasi officers whom I have tracked down to their gloomy bunga-lows. In this sense he is the Albert Speer of East Germany.

(This is not, let me say at once, to equate the evils of communist Germany with those of Nazi Germany.) Yet, like Speer, he still needs a Gitta Sereny to drag out of him the full acknowledgement of his responsibility, knowledge and

This still unacknowledged truth is not so much about what his foreign intelligence service got up to abroad. Rather, it is about the repressive system they very directly served. Again and again, he tries to suggest that the gentle-men of his service had little or nothing to do with the brutish players of the domestic Stasi. They did their work, I didmine," he writes at one point. In fact, his foreign service was closely integrated with that vast apparatus of internal repression which made East Germany in, say, 1984, the closest we have so far come to the state of total surveillance imagined by George Orwell in

Their offices were in the same scaled-off complex of the Ministry for State Security. They co-operated with the domestic spooks and thugs on countless cases. One of Wolf's former agents, a certain Knud

Wollenberger, has become one of the most notorious examples of domestic betrayal in East Germany: he spied on his own wife from the moment they met. Wolf himself was a deputy to the minister, Erich Mielke, and worked with him for more than 30 years. They even

when they went to Moscow on

Did Wolf ever seriously question the paranoid extension of the domestic security apparatus, to which, by the end, one in every 50 East Germans had some direct connection? Did he criticise what he delicately calls their "often harsh methods"? Not by his own account. Not by anyone else's. Indeed, two of his former senior officers describe him as reverential to authority.

Just because he was different - educated, sophisticated he was the one who should have known better. And because he enjoyed protection at the highest level in Moscow he could have afforded to speak out behind closed doors. But instead, he obediently served, like all the rest. When his doubts finally grew, in the 1980s, he simply took early retirement, negotiating what the memoirs call a "separation package" which included a chauffeur-driven car and the nice flat overlooking the River Spree where he still lives. Only in 1989, when the risk of criticising was very low, did he restyle himself in a heroic selfimage of intellectual dissent.

On the surface, he is so unlike all those other retired Stasi officers whom I talked to in their tawdry bungalows, nursing their small beers and grievances. Yet, underneath, deep down, he is so like them. Here is the great spymaster's last secret: he was a sheep in wolf's clothing.

Timothy Garton Ash's The File: A Personal History will be published in early July by HarperCollins.

### Sympathy cannot shield the helmsman who steered his party into the iceberg like a Tory Titanic

he Conservative leadership campaign lacks an essential preliminary: the Conserva-tives have not conducted an adequate post-mortem into their election defeat. If they have no idea why they lost they are unlikely to choose the man, or the policies, to win in the future. Yet so far there has been only the most superficial discussion in the party of the causes of their worst defeat in more than 90 years: the Titanic has gone to the bottom of the ocean and the general inclination is to blame the iceberg.

There are understandable reasons for this. The Tories are still in a state of shock. After the much less severe defeat of 1945, it took something like 18 months for the party to pull itself together and become an effective Opposition in Parliament and in the country. In 1997, half the seats in Parliament have been lost, there are no Conservative Members left in Scotland, Wales, or most of the great cities, and the leader has announced his resignation and retired to watch cricket. The old order has been overthrown and no new order has yet come into being.

There is also a natural sympathy for John Major himself. The party still feels considerable loyalty and affection for him; it does not want to ask the obvious question: was the election defeat caused by his failures as leader? Even commentators like myself who were criticial of John Major as Prime Minister have not wanted to be harsh to him in defeat. Nevertheless, the question is inescap-able: the Titanic hit the iceberg: was the captain to blame? When William Hague made a guarded reference to the habitual "fudge" of the Major leadership, he was criticised as disloyal, not least by Matthew Parris in these columns. One cannot discuss the defeat rationally without considering John Major's leadership. If the Conservative Party finds that too

# Why Major cannot escape the blame

painful, it cannot begin the process of discovering why it lost, and how to

Despite the public silence, the party is discussing the causes of the disaster in private. There is a pro-Major view. It is that he was a good leader who was let down by quarrelsome and disloyal colleagues. He won against the tide in 1992; the blame for the defeat in 1997 should be placed on the members of his Cabinet and party who did not give him the loyalty the leader deserves. There is also the anti-Major view, expressed to me by one irritated Conservative supporter: "In my constituency we had a bad Member and a bad campaign; in the country we had a

bad leader and a bad campaign."

There is also the view, which I think is well founded, that the defeat, if not its scale, was determined early in the last Parliament. In 1945 the most convincing analysis was that the Conservatives had been held responsible for the events of the 1930s, in particular high unemployment and the failure of the appeasement policy. In 1997, the Conservatives were blamed for events which occurred between the middle of 1990 and the end of 1992. That was the crucial period which made defeat in 1997 probable, and the landslide very possible. To start with, many Tories resented the dismissal of Margaret Thatcher, but the disillusionment went much farther

About nine months before the election I met one of the Conservative planners who had access to all their private polls and contact groups. He was not particularly optimistic, and used a phrase which stuck in my memory. "It depends on whether people have got over their anger." I think the public did to some extent get over their anger, but that it was converted into a sour distaste for the Tory Government. That was accentuated by the broader feeling that it was

time for a change.

What caused the original anger which so alienated the electorate? It was the handling of the recession of the early 1990s, a recession which was particularly painful for Conservative voting groups, the first recession in 60 years which seriously hit the prosperous South of England. In the recession many small businesses failed, many managers were made redundant, all homeowners saw their homes lose value, some lost their homes or were forced to sell on a depressed market. The recession had financial consequences which also broke up many marriages. By the

middle-class family who had not experienced financial pressure or anxiety. You had to be very rich to fly above that storm. The anxiety was accentuated by the catastrophe of Lloyd's. Even if that affected only a narrower group, it totally ruined many of them.

Some of these families have now made a full recovery, but when a business goes bankrupt, it is finished; when a middle aged manager loses his job, he seldom gets as good a one; when the house is sold, it is gone for

The people who were suffering included the core of the old Tory support. They blamed the depth of the recession on the Government's policy, on joining the exchange-rate mechanism at too high a rate, on high interest rates, on the bank squeeze. They also resented the tax increases of the 1990s. They were suspicious of the Maastricht treaty and the single currency proposal.

All of these policies were personally associated with John Major, either as Chancellor or Prime Minister. The middle-class felt that they had been led into a trap. In the 1980s they had been encouraged to buy their own homes, to start their small businesses, to take on more staff, to build the enterprise economy by expanding their debts. When the recession came, the Government did nothing to help them: it just stood by as the banks foreclosed. The final and unforgivcent remark: "If it isn't horfing, it isn't working." Those who had lost their homes, sometimes their families, their jobs or their businesses between 1990 and the end of 1992 were not voting Conservative in 1997.
Why should they have done so? Some loyal Conservatives still love John

Major, these people do not.
For all of these things, there was never any apology, even after the exchange rate policy had collapsed. On the contrary, the Government, including John Major and Kenneth Clarke, endlessly congratulated themselves on the recovery which followed the abandonment of their policy. John Major undoubtedly bears the main responsibility for the mishandling of the recession, but he also failed to restore confidence in his Government after the pound had been forced out of the ERM.

T or did Kenneth Clarke help. Capital gains tax on long-term investment is a big issue for entrepreneurs, who need to be able to sell their businesses. There was rollover relief, but the 40 per cent rate is known by everyone to be far too high: Clarke did not introduce a lower long-term rate. Businessmen felt that he was at best a Chancellor who knew nothing about their concerns, and perhaps was too left-wing

John Major's leadership, like that of George Bush, always had a problem with "the vision thing". His followers asked for inspiration; he fed them fudge. He behaved more like a whip than a leader. The ideas on which to rebuild the Tory party are not simply Thatcherism, but they will have to build on her work, on personal initiative deregulation, lower taxes, opportunity, competition, enterprise. If the Tories allow Labour to become the party of business, they really will be finished.

# Opening a doorway to the past

The Left's victory in France will do

Tony Blair no

favours, says

**Peter Riddell** 

Torget the international solidarity of the Left. The French election results are bad news for Tony Blair. The big win for "old" Labour and a vote for a defensive, protectionist attitude and against economic realism. It will strengthen the forces opposed to Mr Blair's attempt to create a new European social policy based on flexible labour markets.

The main focus in the past few days has been on the threat to the planned start of European monetary union from the undermining of President Jacques Chirac's political authority, and from the public dispute between Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the Bundesbank. These developments are obviously very important, but it is a mistake to believe that if monetary union is delayed, or a weak euro is established, that somehow lets Britain, and the Blair Government, off

The gainers from a weaker President Chirac and Chancellor Kohl would be the French Socialists and German Social Democrats. Both Lionel Jospin in France and Oskar Lafontaine in Germany have been eager to jump on the Blair bandwagon since May I. But their vision of Europe is profoundly different from his. It is not just that they object to the fiscal tightening involved in meeting the Maastricht criteria for monetary union. They also advocate social and employment policies specifically rejected by new Labour.

Labour's European policy has been an act of faith, a belief that Europe has turned its back on the social model of the 1980s involving extensive new regulations and additional costs for business that discourage job



creation. Mr Blair has insisted that the social chapter is merely "a

sensible procedure for setting certain Europe-wide minimum standards", while Labour would not extend qualified majority voting to social security and would keep matters concerning pay and the right to strike out of the social chapter.

Mr Blair has argued that the mood has changed throughout Europe and that his "new" Labour views on the importance of flexibility, alongside measures to improve "employabil-ity", are shared by leaders such as Wim Kok in The Netherlands and former Communists like Walter Veltroni in Italy, Labour's business manifesto during the election claimed that "there is no appetite among other EU governments for significant new

labour market legislation". On arriving in Downing Street, Mr

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Blair discovered that the old appetites had not yet been satisfied. Several proposals were in the pipeline that might add to business costs, as was underlined when Jacques Santer, the Commission President, sent a letter to heads of government calling for a stronger "social Europe". At the Noordwijk meeting of European leaders ten days ago. Mr Blair was, according to President Chirac, the only leader to question the European social model" and to speak in favour of flexibility. He made plain his opposition to any measures in the social chapter that would damage

competitiveness. Mr Blair is trying to develop what he calls a "third way" between the traditional European social model-

and what the continental Left dismisses as the "ultra-liberal" model of free-market Anglo-Saxon capitalism. The Blair version embraces the competitive world of "globalisation" and is anti-protectionist, unlike many on both the Left and Right in France. He believes the key to creating jobs is flexible labour markets, while govemment's role is to remove barriers to hiring people and to increase employability through better education and skills training.

All that sounds fine as an aspiration. But can Mr Blair reconcile flexible markets with signing up to the social chapter and endorsing the new employment chapter? He views them in minimalist terms as guarantors of decent standards and merely co-ordinating employment strategies. But there are real tensions between social cohesion and competitiveness,

employing people between Britain and other big European countries. Moreover, there are differences of

emphasis within the Government. Robin Cook last week sounded more enthusiastic about the implications of signing the employment chapter than have either Mr Blair or Gordon Brown. Mr Cook has many allies both within the Government and on the Labour back benches. The balance of these forces will determine not just policy on the social and employment chapters but also the level of the minimum wage and how far the deregulatory measures of the Tory era are reversed or modified.

The humbling of President Chirac and the strengthening of the Left in France — and also to some extent in Germany - will make life harder for Mr Blair and wll encourage the "old" Labour forces in London. During the election campaign, M Jospin urged the creation of 700.000 jobs for young people (half in the public sector) and a reduction in weekly working hours from 39 to 35 hours (without loss of pay), and he opposed measures such as privatisation to improve the working of France's cumbersome state

With Herr Lafontaine, he last week issued a joint statement calling for policies that would not only undermine monetary union but would prevent their economies from becoming more competitive. The monetary union debate has been so concentrated on how to meet the borrowing target that it is too often forgotten that many of the measures - such as the tightening of fiscal policy and the micro-policies to free up markets are inherently desirable.

Mr Blair will later this week attend a European Socialist conference in Sweden. It will be an occasion for celebration - after Mr Blair's landslide victory and following M Jospin's triumph last night. But behind the bland tone of natural congratulation. Mr Blair is out of step with many of his European Socialist and Social Democrat colleagues. After all, in many ways, he is much more of a Christian Democrat in his outlook and policies.

# **Zoete suits**

AS THE CITY waits for news of a board appointment for John Major, who was once a public relations officer for Standard Chartered bank, there are signs that he is working his friends on the Mediterranean holiday circuit for a

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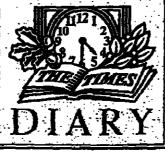
Norma and the former Prime Minister holiday courtesy of the Symington family, who have port interests in the area, talk among expats concerns a possible position in the investment bank Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

Foremost among Portugal's expat sun loungers is Simon de Zoete, chairman of equities at BZW, who owns a villa down south. And poolside chatter has it that he has interested Major in the

bank. Yesterday BZW was saying nothing about the possibility of employing the former Prime Minister. Standard Chartered, on the other hand, is already playing down the prospect of taking Major back. The board is pretty full already,"

said a spokesman. Informal discussions between BZW and Major, who is said to be keen to mop up a decent salary in the City, have taken place and City punters take the prospect seriously.

Prime cut DOWN in Gloucestershire, bunt-



leads the championship with Lord Vestey, butcher and farmer, at its

Since Vestey took over from Diana. Princess of Wales, as patron of Gloucestershire Cricket Club. members have been commenting on the commendable upturn in their team's fortunes. The 3rd baron has now taken it upon himself to offer up his country home Stowell Park to the club. Ground staff have been instructed to mow with additional care so that Stowell can become the home ground of Gloucestershire's 2nd XI.

· Celebratory pints of bitter are jollying up evenings at the The Boot pub in Tisbury, Wiltshire, where London's Groucho Club and its louche members were planning to open a country branch. The ing is out as the county cricket team club, whose regulars include an irate Liam Gallagher and sundry drug-takers, has abandoned its plans after a feasibility study.

#### Out of line

TIME to put an end to a vicious rumour doing the rounds of the Royal West Norfolk Golf Club at Brancaster, within driving distance of Sandringham, where the Duke of Kent can be spotted on the 19th hole in his capacity as patron.

Talk on the links has it that the

Duke of York wrote to the club suggesting that he would like to join; furthermore, he asked whether he might go to the top of the waiting list and skip paying the joining fee and annual subscription. They wrote back thanking him but saying that he had been placed at the bottom of the waiting list and that he would have to pay a subscription," said one senior member.

The Royal West Norfolk is flabbergasted: "Prince Andrew is a member, paying a subscription like everybody else."

#### Rematch

SUSAN Webber Wright, the federal judge who has been assigned the case of Paula Jones v Bill Clinton in Arkansas, once enjoyed a memora-

ble encounter with the future

In 1974, Clinton was teaching a course at the University of Arkan-sas Law School, and Wright was one of his students. When it was time for the final grades. Clinton had to apologise to her: he had lost her exam papers. Would Wright take a "B" for the class and they could forget the matter? Wright refused, retook the exam and earned ап "А".

#### Zhao sorry

ONE MAN missing from the handover celebrations in Hong Kong is a politician disgraced in China's eyes: the former party secretary Zhao Ziyang. He was the cosignatory with Baroness Thatcher of the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration that set out the terms for Hong Kong's handover but, after sympathising with the Tiananmen Square protesters, he now lives under surveillance in Beijing.

• Callers to Peter Lilley's campaign for the Tory leadership yesterday were given a mobile phone number to ring. Unfortunately, the phone concerned had been left in a taxi by Dicky Dukes, one of Lilley's sidekicks. When I called, it was answered by a brash American tourist exorbitant prices for any of Flem-



who had clearly received a number

of similar calls, for he answered: "Peter Lilley's campaign HQ." before explaining that he had never heard of the man,

#### Golden buy

LONDON'S booksellers are so excited about a first edition James Bond that even Fleming's stocky oriental baddy Oddjob might have thrown his hat into the ring.

The 1957 edition of From Russia With Love in the latest catalogue of Nigel Williams Rare Books is being offered for £7,000 - one of the most



Fleming, left, and his spymaster, an inspiration for Bond

ing's sought-after first editions. The book is inscribed: To Bill Once Again! from lan, and was given by Fleming to Sir William Stephenson, one of Britain's most senior spymasters in the Second World War, and a man who direct ly influenced the creation of the

James Bond character. Fleming underwent a crash course in espionage under Supper-son's tutelage and was particularly. impressed with Stephenson's "Siztion M", a laboratory of espices? devices similar to those exhibited by "Q" in the books.

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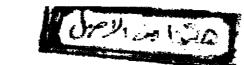
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### FRANCE TURNS LEFT

French voters step through history's looking-glass into the past

The most peculiar election campaign in the sector, and the deregulation necessary to history of the Fifth Republic ended yesterday, but France's surly electorate had already rendered its damning verdict the week before. From the first round of voting. it was clear that President Chirac, who dissolved the National Assembly ten months ahead of time in order to give his Government a clear run into economic and monetary union, had obtained no such mandate. But the scale of the revolt astonishes. What the French have voted against is not EMU as such, but the indispensable modernisation of France. Its lurch back to the Left is an extraordinary testament to the shortening cycle of French political life, to the volatility of its electorate, and to the fear of change.

The result is bad for Europe's battle to become globally competitive, and could be worse still for French democracy. If, as projections last night showed. Lionel Jospin has won a parliamentary majority even without Communist votes. France could yet join EMU if only to escape a meltdown of the franc. M Jospin's key adviser on Europe is expected to be Jacques Delors, and all the likely candidates for the Quai d'Orsay are convinced federalists. If EMU goes ahead with millions still on the dole, the ultimate victor of this election is likely to prove Jean-Marie Le Pen's xenophobic National Front.

For the next five years, France will be governed by a President whose authority is crippled, in cohabitation with a Government voted into office on the most nonsensical economic plaform of the entire European continent. East or West. He has himself to blame. His myopic pursuit of a goal that has long distorted French policy obscured what ought to have been the main national debate. France would not today be poised to take a giant step into the past had M Chirac not led the Right's seemingly impregnable parliamentary majority into battle on ground it should never have picked.

Euro or no euro, the most critical choice before France is between clinging to its overmighty, inefficient and insolvent public unleash individual talent. France has worldbeaters among its leading private sector enterprises but, despite one big and several smaller political revolutions, the country has never cast off the Colbertian incubus of an all-powerful interventionist State. That is the battle of ideas which was fought and won 18 years ago in Britain. But, Tony Blair should note, almost no French politician of Right or Left has posed the question in these terms.

Disgust with all mainstream parties has been widening for nearly a decade. It is no use asking footsore troops to die in battle unless they believe in the cause. Once again, this national debate has been ducked; and because the Right contains some people who understand that free markets can and must be reconciled with social justice, it is more culpable than M Jospin and his coterie of stale welfare Socialists. The Left did not deserve to win these elections; the Right surely deserved to lose.

M Chirac narrowly beat M Jospin for the presidency two years ago by seeming to rekindle some of Gaullism's early radicalism. In power, he has been a hopeless trimmer. When he launched this campaign with the slogan of a "new élan" for France, it was with no fresh agenda. The Left, which has none either, has slid into the vacuum created by the Right.

This was an election about jobs. Unemployment stands at 12.8 per cent and perhaps higher — the unemployment statistics which would ordinarily have been published last Friday mysteriously failed to see the light of day. M Jospin has no remedies. His promise to renegotiate the terms of monetary union is an irrelevance and his plans to create jobs by shortening the working week, cap pay rises and pad the already bloated public sector payroll ought to have been treated by any educated electorate with contempt. France has voted for a shot of morphine. It is a measure of the nation's pain, but anaesthetic has never cured a patient yet.

#### **BACK TO BACK TO BASICS**

American experience suggests some tough choices for Blair

Thinking the unthinkable may be one thing. doing the undoable is another. Tony Blair apparently used the visit of Bill Clinton last week to compare notes on welfare reform. Labour's own proposals will be unveiled in the Prime Minister's speech today.

The Blair Government will place unemployed single parents at the heart of its strategy. That focus carries political risks but is more than justified by the facts. Britain has the largest number of single parents in Europe. Of these, two thirds are currently jobless despite a relatively buoyant economy. The economic cost to the social security budget exceeds £7 billion: but the broader costs both to the individuals concerned and the community as a whole are much greater. There cannot be even the beginnings of a cure to the "dependency culture" that Mr Blair will highlight today without a substantial shift in these numbers.

The Prime Minister appears intent on reintroducing the labour market to those 800,000 unemployed single parents whose children are in full-time education. To meet that proper objective, Labour would require single parents to attend interviews at jobcentres where the options of work, further education of retraining would be discussed. By implication, refusal to participate in such sessions could lead to a reassessment of benefit entitlement. Mr Blair would tackle the question of childcare through a network of after-school homework clubs possibly funded from the National Lottery. The provision of opportunity, the Government hopes, will permit the large proportion of welfare recipients who would work if they

could, to fulfil their ambitions. These are worthwhile plans that deserve cross-party support. Labour has moved

many miles in its outlook on such issues. But the Government has chosen those parts of the American agenda that it finds most palatable. It has deliberately rejected other elements pioneered by state governments of late. These include a much stronger degree of compulsion over whether to seek work, reeducation, or retraining with financial support contingent on that choice. The Bill accepted by President Clinton includes provisions on the withdrawal of all benefits to those who have received welfare payments for five years. Such ideas would "make eyes water" in this country.

The whole history, structure and character of the American welfare system is very different from our own. It has long been easy for politicians in the United States to score points with promises to "get tough" on single mothers. As John Major discovered during his ill-fated venture into this territory -"back to basics" - attitudes in Britain are rather different. Nonetheless, Labour has to be prepared for the probability that its chosen approach - steering rather than pushing people back towards employment will not prove enough on its own.

That is the point where the unthinkable has to be thought. It is difficult to envisage how policy could succeed without some element of compulsion and the threat that benefit would be curtailed. A modified version of American practice might then seem valid. Frank Field, the Minister for Welfare Reform, has clearly thought through this possibility. The Prime Minister would prefer to take the voluntary route first. That will strike most people as entirely reasonable. Like President Clinton, Mr Blair may yet find himself drawn towards much more radical solutions.

#### **GREEN FIGURES**

The British garden is the acceptable face of civil disorder

That evergreen and hardy perennial radio programme Gardeners Question Time is celebrating its goldenrod jubilee. The rest of the world may be dominated by war, economics and politics. For once parts of the United Kingdom are winning on the playing fields. But, for the heart of England, there is also the recording of the 50th anniversary of

its favourite radio programme. Man (and indeed woman) is seldom more creatively employed than in the garden. For a garden is a thing of beauty and a job for ever. And because of its climate and the character of its gardeners, the United Kingdom is the centre of the world for gardening opinions, and even for some of its gardens. So gardeners turned up in thousands yesterday, with their ailing pot plants and testing questions to impress the listeners, for the recording of their programme in the National Forest near Swadlincote.

As with other institutions, not everything in Gardeners' Question Time is lovely. Its entire former panel was transplanted by corporate cutting and down-weeding from the BBC to Classic FM. Now these transplants on the classical music programme attract only a third of their Radio 4 audience and have lost their sponsor. Some of the adlib questions posed without warning would tax Adam or Ashmole. What plants are suitable for a nudist colony? The answer should have been "nothing with prickles". How can the gardener stop frogs knocking over water-lilies? What plants are suitable for planting in a politically correct Islington window-box during a general election?

And the programme itself has changed since 1947. But it has evolved gradually like a well-established herbaceous border, in the English way, not by uprooting, design consultant and bulldozer. Fifty years ago plastic flowerpots, loam-free composts, grow-bags and imported plants were science fiction. There were few garden centres, merely greengrocers selling packets of seeds with optimistic pictures of the ideal flower. Fashions have changed in the gardening programme as well as the garden. For years, discussion was about the cocktail of chemicals needed to keep gardens free of pests and weeds. Now chemicals are restricted. So the vine weevil flourishes and its control has become the commonest question on the programme. And biological controls are the accessory of the future.

Few can aim at the perfection of the professionals. But millions want to try to do better than their neighbours. For many the English garden is something that dies if you don't water it and rots when you do. For the worst, even the artificial lawns on their patios die. But the garden and its tips are the native microcosm of the wider world.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Way forward for Labour on Ireland

From Sir David Goodall

Sir, John Lloyd ("Can Blair avoid another Drumcree?". May 30) is right to locus attention on the need to address Unionist as well as nationalist insecurity in Northern Ireland as the marching season looms — and also to set that need in the context of a wider, long-term strategy.

The vision of Ireland offered in the Downing Street declaration and the joint framework document — both of which new Labour has endorsed - is not political unification, but a unified civic and economic space on the island of Ireland, within which existing constitutional and political loyalties would be protected (ie, Northern Ireland would remain within the UK). "parity of esteem" for both communities would be entrenched, a variety of Ireland-wide institutions would be established and practical co-operation between the two parts of Ireland would gather momentum to a point at which national divisions and questions of sovereignty would begin to lose relevance.

For that vision to become a reality. both communities in Northern Ireland must be given reassurance - the nationalist community that they are not going to be submerged once again in a Unionist-dominated State and that their links with the Republic will be legitimised, and the Unionists that a compromise settlement will not prove to be a step down the slippery slope into a united Ireland.

An important part of this process will be to give political substance to the relationship between Britain and the island of Ireland as a whole, in accordance with the provision in the joint framework document that there should be a new Anglo-Irish agreement reflecting "the totality of relationships between the two islands". "Strand three" of the inter-party talks is supposed to address this aspect, but very little has so far been heard of it.

The historical, cultural, linguistic, economic and racial links between Britain and Ireland, taken with what Dr Garret FitzGerald has called "an extent of direct human and family ties ... unprecedented between two independent states", make it illusory for Britain and Ireland to regard one another as foreign countries. The links between them constitute a unique relationship, whose potential political significance has in recent years been

played down or suppressed. With the Republic's independence from Britain and national self-respect now well beyond challenge, and with new Governments taking office both in London and Dublin, it is high time to start looking seriously for ways of giving this unique relationship some form of institutional expression.

DAVID GOODALL, Greystones, Ampleforth, York. May 30.

#### Road use

From the General Director of the Institute of Economic Affairs

Sir, Anjana Ahuja's article, "Drivers" love of danger money" (Mind and Matter, May 26), can be summed up in two words long relevant to economists but apparently alien to transport engineers: incentives matter. Who could be surprised to discover

that if drivers were made to pay for road use according to the time spent in journeys they would be more inclined to drive more dangerously? And who would fund such research other than a government agency?
This seems such an absurd "experi-

ment" that one wonders if its sole purpose is to undermine any concept of using prices (as opposed to edicts, licences or congestion) to ration road

The academics in charge of the project apparently need guidance from market-orientated economists. Road space is a scarce resource which can most efficiently be allocated among competing users by charging for it. The method of charging matters but transport economists, rather than transport engineers, as in this case, have long been working on these matters. They have shown how pricing for access by time of day and type of vehicle can spread the use of road space.

Yours faithfully. JOHN BLUNDELL General Director, The Institute of Economic Affairs. 2 Lord North Street, SWI. May 30.

#### From Mr Stephen Munslow

Sir. Anjana Ahuja writes of the necessity of limiting car use and prompting commuters to use public transport.

She makes the fundamental error of regarding the car and public transport as equivalent alternative modes of movement. However, motor advertisements do not promote cars for their facility in transferring people from A to B, but as symbols of independence, adulthood, sex, potency and

For young people the bus seems to me to symbolise failure, poverty. degradation and membership of the underclass. Until this is grasped, no inroads will be made into our chronic transport problems.

Yours sincerely, S. MUNSLOW. 117 Midland Road, Birmingham 30. May 28.

#### Forebodings on Nato enlargement From Professor Emeritus

From Mr Frank Allaun

Sir, "Russia and Nato bury the Cold War", proclaims your front page (May 28: see also leading article, same

The unhappy conclusion for many observers is exactly the opposite. The Cold War is now in danger of returning, with all that this entails, as Nato forces extend nearer and nearer Russia's borders. That is the view of Prolessor George Kennan, Lord Healey, Mikhail Gorbachev and other statesmen whose experience gives them qualifications to speak. And there has been scarcely any discussion in the British Parliament

Russia unilaterally withdrew all its tanks from Northern and Central Europe at the end of the 1980s. Nato declares it "has no intention" of deploying nuclear forces on the territory of the new Nato states, but it does not have to as nuclear bombs can be launched from air and sea bases. There is no guarantee that conventional weapons will not at some future date be deployed near the Russian frontiers. Russia will not be able to veto such movement.

There are opponents to the agreement, notably in the American Congress and in the Russian Duma — and perhaps soon in the new Nato countries when they discover the huge sums they will have to pay to reconstruct their armed forces to fit in with those

Nothing but good can come from Russia becoming a full member of the OECD, as your leading arricle says, but such membership should not be linked to the Nato agreement.

FRANK ALLAUN (Labour MP for East Salford, 1955-83). II Eastleigh Road, Manchester. May 28.

#### Sierra Leone coup

From Dr Kamal Hossain and Mr Richard Bourne

Sir, Chief Anyaoku, Commonwealth Secretary-General, is right to describe the recent coup in Sierra Leone as unacceptable (report, May 26: see also leading article, May 29). Commonwealth and other observers had applauded the elections there in February 1996. The Harare declaration of 1991, followed by the tightening of the rules at Millbrook in New Zealand, make clear that regimes of force have no place in the Commonwealth.

The meeting in July of the Commonwealth ministerial action group is the first at which Britain will be represented by a Labour Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. The group must recommend to the Commonwealth Heads of Government, meeting in Edinburgh in October, that they suspend the military regime, while doing everything possible to

of carrying a child to term against her

Society has the right to expect and

encourage adults to behave respons-

ibly. Responsibility means accepting

the consequences of one's own actions.

It is not responsible to expect others to

The time for a woman to decide if

she wishes to be a mother is before a

pregnancy, not during it, by which

time she is already a "mother", the

terminate the pregnancy.

word used by Ms Lawson.

Yours truly, MAEVE WHITE,

52 Burnbury Road.

Balham, SW12.

May 28.

wishes? I say. "Yes, absolutely".

#### From Dr R. H. Wheeler

May 29.

Sir, Nigella Lawson ("A case that has forced us to face the ugly reality", May 28) concludes her thought-provoking commentary on abortion by posing but you go on to quote her: the question; should "we" (society) make a mother bear the responsibility

body as the placenta or umbilical cord. She is not merely a convenient container.

This is false biologically. The foetus, together with its cord and placenta, is a unity growing from a genetically separate fertilised ovum which has been implanted for development in the mother's uterus. Neither the foetus nor its membranes is an

biological truth is constrained to see motherhood in terms of "merely a convenient container".

RICHARD WHEELER. Kingsclere, 14 Beacon Road,

Hunting risks From Mr John Spencer Sir, Libby Purves's intervention on

foxhunting (May 20; letters, May 24) is as admirable as it is unexpected. One point she fails to make is that on some days human casualties can exceed animal.

At the opening meet of the East Sussex some years ago I remember one former colonial governor being killed in a season that saw off three members of the hunt out of 70 subscribers.

The risks aren't all to the fox. Are we now to be prevented from living dangerously? Yours etc.

JOHN SPENCER. 24 John Islip Street, SWI. May 26.

#### Very new Labour

From Mr Jamie Keir

Sir, Congratulations to Ruth Kelly on the new arrival (report and photograph, May 28). This is the first time I've seen an MP kissing a baby after the election campaign has ended.

Yours faithfully, JAMIE KEIR, 24 Bay Street, Fairlie, Strathclyde. May 28.

Letters for publication may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

largement (leading article, May 15) are the more surprising for the ab-sence of any suggested viable alternative. If, as I assume, this implies preserving the present status quo. what was our Cold War crusade for an undivided Europe all about? To deny the former Soviet satellites the security we claim for ourselves, and which they understandably crave, is to consign them to a power vacuum and probably expose them yet again to any resurgent military, political and economic clout of their great Slav neighbour.

Sir, Your forebodings on Nato en-

At a time when Western statesmen are falling over one another to assuage what they consider to be "legitimate Russian fears", should we not spare a thought for the no less legitimate, and objectively more urgent, fears of those countries but recently liberated from Soviet tyranny?

As for your proviso that Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic must be fold . . . that . . . they must be especially active in building bridges to Moscow", it ill behoves this country. with our sorry history in defence of their rights, to lecture them in such

By their history and their geography, these peoples - the Poles in particular - are in my view infinitely better equipped to deal with the Russian mind than most Western pundits and, once granted reasonable security, are perfectly capable of conducting their own foreign policies.

am, Sir, your obedient servant. ROBIN KEMBALL Chemin de la Coudrette 3, CH-1012 Lausanne, Switzerland. May 30.

assist the people of Sierra Leone to regain their rights.

The Commonwealth must learn that elections alone are insufficient to consolidate a plural democratic state especially where, as in Sierra Leone, it is a guarantor of a peace agreement after a civil war. It is ironic that the Nigerian dictator, General Abacha, has issued an ultimatum to Sierra Leone's military rulers to restore democracy. West African history might have been quite different if General Abacha had respected the results of Nigeria's June 1993 presidential elec-

Yours sincerely, (Chair, Advisory Commission). RICHARD BOURNE (Chair, Trustee Committee), Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, Trustee Committee, c/o 28 Russell Square, WC1.

Abortion case From Dr Maeve White

Sir. In the Kelly abortion case you report (May 24) Anne Smith, QC, as arguing that the foetus's rights as a human being become active only at birth. Here Mrs Smith states the law

A feetus is an intrinsic part of the body of a pregnant woman. It is as much a part of her

intrinsic part of the mother. Furthermore, nobody holding the

Yours sincerely Ditchling, Hassocks, West Sussex.

#### Meat hygiene From Dr M. T. Dinsdale

Sir, Dr Stuttaford ("Scots falling

victim to the love of meat", May 28) should change his butcher if his meat is contaminated with animal faeces and is tenderised with the help of bacteria. Some faecal bacteria will be present (but visible faeces must not) and E. coli 0157 may increasingly be found amongst such bacteria, hence the greater emphasis on hygiene controls in the abattoirs and throughout the supply chain. Faecal bacteria will not grow on the

carcass during a prolonged hanging period, and neither will they "spread", as long as the temperature is kept at 5C or below and good hygiene maintained; it is the naturally occurring enzymes in the meat, not bacteria, that are responsible for the tenderising process, and these take time to work (one to three weeks).

Bacteria normally harmless to human beings may grow on the outside of the meat and be trimmed off; those that remain are easily killed by cooking. People should continue to enjoy the extra pleasure found in eating a steak that has been well hung.

Yours sincerely. SLIM DINSDALE (Food safety and quality consultant), Broome Cottage,

Bungay, Suffolk. May 28.

#### Plea for windfalls to help disabled

From Mr Richard Jarman

Sir, Would it not be a positive move for the Halifax to act in the spirit of the new Building Societies (Distributions) Act, passed before the last election. and use some of the money from the Halifax's £1.4 billion unclaimed shares (report, Business, May 28) to benefit disabled customers who are named second on a joint account with

a first-named carer? Windfall shares arising from mergers or conversions often go to the severely disabled people who rely on their carers to manage their personal finances have been deprived of their

windfalls by the Halifax. I worked closely with the former MP. Douglas French, who steered the distributions Bill through Parliament. In March the Northern Rock Building Society promised to put the cash equivalent of shares also arising from a windfall into a charitable foundation, which would then make a suitable donation to charities for

disabled people and their carers. What is stopping the Halifax from doing something similar?

Yours faithfully, RICHARD JARMAN (Parliamentary Officer). Sense (The National Dealblind and Rubella Association). 11-13 Clifton Terrace, Finsbury Park, N4.

#### **Borrowed wisdom**

From Lady Devlin

Sir. Before another time-honoured political dictum goes down in history. please can I make sure that it is ascribed to the right politician?

At the end of his political sketch on the new system of Prime Minister's Questions (May 22), Matthew Partis recalls Harold Macmillan once saying: "Events, dear boy, events." He may well, however, have borrowed this quotation from an earlier Prime

My late husband tells an amusing story in his autobiography, Taken at the Flood (Taverner Publications. 1996), of having to make polite conversation to Winston Churchill when he sat next to him at a Cambridge University Union dinner in

He was advised that Winston would usually wax eloquent on the subject of his father. So my husband asked him how he thought Lord Kandolph's fal had come about.

He [Winstonl raised his fork slowly and held it in the air pondering. Then he said "Events". He paused. He raised the fork higher and, lifting his voice as if in response to a conductor's baton, he said again "Events". Then he replaced the fork and upon a note of finality said, "Events".

Yours faithfully. MADELEINE DEVLIN. West Wick House, Pewsey, Wiltshire. May 26.

#### Amis at Hay-on-Wye

From Mr John Fuller

Sir. Readers of the Times Diary today really ought to be told that the Martin Amis story read by the author at the Hay-on-Wye Festival at the weekend

was very far from being "quite awful".

The story used the child's voice to investigate a child's growing awareness of death. The deliberate strangeness of Amis's Anglo-American narrative seemed to me to be a textual device that lent an immense tenderness and humour to the story.

The marquee was packed, and the audience was, in my judgment,

John Fullér. Magdalen College, Oxford. May 27.

#### Technical assistance

From Mr Berry Wilson

Sir, There has been condemnation of the use of electronic spelling aids to complete crossword puzzles fletters, May 16, 22, 28).

I am slightly dyslexic with an IQ of over 140. As part of my self-help to battle this I try to finish a crossword a day. I can often complete the grid in my head, but without the use of a spell-checker I often cannot complete

For me and many thousands of dyslexia sufferers, the electronic spellchecker is a godsend.

Yours faithfully, BERRY WILSON, Hillside View, Ellesmere Road. Ashingdon, Rochford, Essex. May 28.

From Dr J. G. Denholm

Sir, In his letter of May 22, Mr John Grant likens using an electronic gadget for solving crosswords to taking a taxi for the return journey from jogging.

At my age when I go "jogging" I have transport both ways and I use an electronic gadget for solving crosswords all the time.

Yours in happy senility, JIM DENHOLM. Gimsons.

Kings Chase, Witham, Essex. May 24.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** May 31: The Princes Royal, Patron. Northern Lighthouse Board, today visited lighthouses in Shetland and inspected aids to navigation in the Northern Isles from MV Fingal.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

May 31: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, arrived at Heath-row Airport, London, this after-

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** June I: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Colonel Elliott Wilson (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the County Borough of Belfast) at the Memorial Service for Sir Robin Kinahan (formerly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the County Borough of Belfast) which was held in St Anne's Cathedral,

Belfast, this morning. Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and The Duke and Duchess of Gioucester were represented by the Viscount Brookeborough.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 1: The Prince Edward, Patron, the Scottish Badminton Union, today attended the finals of the tenth World Badminton Championships and lifth Sudirman Cup at Scotstoun Leisure Centre, Glasgow, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow (Mr Patrick Lally, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

His Royal Highness, Patron, the Scottish Badminton Union, this vening attended a Dinner at the Moat House international Hotel,

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

June I: The Princess Royal, Patron, Northern Lighthouse Board, today continued the visit to lighthouses in Shetland and the inspection of aids to navigation in the Northern Isles from MV Fingal.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 1: The Duke of Kent this evening attended a variety show in aid of Trinity Hospice at Her Majesty's Theatre, Haymarket, London WI.

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Honorary Fellow, Zoological Society of London, will open the new breeding facility for Asian elephants at Whipsnade Wild Animal Park, Bedfordshire, at 11.30; and, as Master, will attend the Trinity-Tide Dinner at Trinity House, Tower Hill, at 6,40pm. The Duke of York, as Elder Brother, will also attend

#### Nature notes

The whitethroat

The noisiest birds in the countryside now are the whitethroats, singing their scratchy songs along the hedges where they have nests deep down in the undergrowth. House-

scarce again this year, but those that have returned have started building their mud nests under the caves of houses. There

may be more still to arrive; if the summer is fine they can go on nesting into early October. Snipe are nesting in bogs and swamps: the males fly round their territories making a rhythmical clicking call, and also dive down so that the air makes a humming sound as it flows past their outer tail-

feathers. Wild roses opened everywhere last week, some a deep pink, some pale pink or white. The fragile flowers soon lose a few petals. There are massed ranks of ox-eye

daisies along many railway embankments. At the edge of cornfields large scarlet poppies are coming out and there are sometimes stray plants of purple

lucerne. Some fields are turning blue as cultivated flax comes into bloom. Flower buds are appearing on the lime trees, growing on the wing-like bracts that will eventually carry the seeds away, and small green sloes are developing on the blackToday is the 44th anniversary of The Queen's Coronation. King Constantine of The Hellenes celebrates his 57th birthday today.

**Birthdays** 

today

Lord Boyd-Carpenter, 89: Air Marshal Sir Ivor Broom, 77; Miss Heather Couper, astronomer, 48; Mr Handel Davies, aeronautical engineer, 85; Mr Mark Elder, conductor, 50; Mr Marvin Hamlisch, composer, 53; the Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, 61; Dame Rosalyn Higgins, FBA, QC, 60; Dr Sir Donald Irvine, former chairman of council, Royal College of General Practitioners, 62: Sir Kenneth Jupp, former High Court judge, 80; Mr Gay Kindersley, racchorse trainer, 67; Miss Sonia Lawson, artist, 63; Sir Denis Mountain, former chairman and managing director, Eagle Star lasurance Company, 68: Professor Robin Orr. composer, 88; Canon Dr Anthony Phillips, former Headmaster, King's School, Canterbury, 61; Miss Carol Canterbury, of Mass Cather Shields, novelist, 62; Sir Christopher Slade, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 70; Mr Johnny Speight, writer, 77; Sir Sigmund Stemberg, chairman, ISYS, 76; Mrs Barbara Tale, president Society of Women Artists, 70: Mr Charlie Watts, Rolling Stones' drummer, 56: Mr David Wheaton.

#### **Anniversaries**

tennis player, 28.

BIRTHS: Marquis de Sade, writer and revolutionary, Paris, 1740; Thomas Hardy, novelist and poet, Higher Bockhampton. Dorset, 1840; Jesse Boot, 1st Baron Trent, chemist and philanthropist, Nottingham, 1850; Sir Edward Elgar, Master of the King's Musick 1924-34, Broadheath, near Worcester, 1857; Johnny Weissmuller, Olympic swimming champion and actor, Freidorf.

DEATHS: James Douglas, 4th Earl of Morton, Regent of Scotland 1572-81, executed, Edinburgh, 1581; Emile Littré, lexicographer, Paris, 1881; Giuseppe Garibaldi, Italian patriot, Caprera, 1882; Sir Redvers Buller, VC. General, Crediton, 1908; Alfred Austin, Poet Laureate 1896-1913, Ashford, Kent. 1913; Herman Darewski, composer, London, 1947; Emile-Auguste Chartier (Alain), philosopher, Le Vésinet, France, 1951; Victoria Sackville-West, writer, Sissinghurst Castle, Kent, 1962.

The Gordon "No Popery" riots began in London, lasting a week, 1780. Guglielmo Marconi patented his wireless telegraphy apparatus,

Oneen Elizabeth II was crowned in Westminster Abbey, 1953. The PLO was formed



A visitor admiring a piece by Phillip King at the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition in London yesterday

#### Schools news

Northbourne Park Preparatory School, Kent Academic, Music and Sports awards have been made by the

awards have been made by the following schools:
Dover College, Eum (Bursary), Kear College, King's Camterbury, Oundle, St. Edmund's Canterbury, Wycliffe College to Hannah Redman, Zachary Lait, Barnie Darby, Richard George, Mathew Doran, Elizabeth Arnold, Eleanor Brace, Michael Hedges and Menyn Hodding. Baroness Trumpington will be

guest of honour on Speech Day, Saturday, June 28. Oundle School

Oundle School announces the

Oundle School announces the following Scholarships for 1997: Shrih Form Scholarships: (Exhibition): Ian Barrett (Cromer High School): (Exhibition): Angharad Party (Tower House, Barmouth).

Academic Scholarships: Josephine Adams (Riddlesworth Hall): Isobel Arthur (Billion Grange): Esabel: Burnham (Windlesham House): Esabel: Robert Brockiehuss (Terra Nova): David Burton (Kings College, Cambridge): William East (Spranton Hall): Harry Gibson (Beachborough): Alexander Hill (Kingshort): Timothy Jackson (Millifeld Prep): William Kendall (Caldleott) Phillip Mossman (Halleybury Junior): Thomas Pochciol (Repton Prep): Edward Stevenson (Holmwood House, Esset): Thomas West (Terra Nova): Thomas Wide (Winchester House): Alexander Wright (Orwell Part).

Continuation Scholarships Continuation (Winchester House): Alexander Wight (Orwell Part).

General Scholanships: Tamsin Fussey (S. Anseluz's): Thomas Georgi (The Hall, Hampstead); James Humphries (Town Close House): Robert Robinson (Mowden Hall School): George Smith (Witham Hall): Elizabeth Godfrey (S. Anselm's).

Continuation Scholarships: Edward Grant (Caldicott): John Huntingdon (St. John Huntingdon): Timothy Jeffries (Town Close House): George Mills (Orwell Parti: Rozame Piggott (Kingshott): Zack Simons (Stancliffe Hall): Christopher Wright (Orwell Parti). Junior Scholarships: David Jordan (Croftinioan, Pitiochry); Laura Short (Grantham Prep); Jonathan Michaelides (Fairfield School, Loughborough).

Michaelies (Pairielo Scholi, Loughborough).

Music Scholarships: Peter Blythman (Christchurch Cathedral, Oxford); Alison Bulmer (Cheitenham Ladies' College); Isabel Burnham (Windlesham House); Clare Cazelet (Downe House); Arina Gaymer (Berrystead & Woodiands Prep); Benjamin Gimson (King's College, Cambridge); Elizabeth Godirey (S. Anseims); Zachary Lait (Northbourne Park); (Exhibition); Generieve Pott (Orwell Park); Alexander Stewart Beachborough); Exhibition; Toby Thomas (Berrystead & St Michael's Jersey); Jonathan Turner (Trevor Roberts', London); Susannah Urtwin (Berrystead & Barmardiston Hall); (Exhibition) Alexander Wright (Orwell Park).

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### Marriages

Saturday at St. James's, Sussex The engagement is announced between Benjamin, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robin Romer-Lee, of of Euboea, Greece, to Miss Louise Seydlitz, elder daughter of Mr and Groton, Suffolk, and Iona. daughter of Sir David and Lady Austen Williams officiated.

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Doyle, of Tunbridge The bride, who was given in Wells, Kent, and Andra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Fulke Fitzherbert Brockholes, of Fulham, London.

Mr J.A. Fenton

and Miss E.C. Holroyd The marriage will take place on Saturday, June 7, 1997, at All Saints Church, Ason, between Mr James Antony Fenton, son of Mr and Mrs Antony H. Fenton, and Miss Elizabeth Catherine Holroyd, daughter of Captain and Mrs Brian S. Holroyd. The Rev Piers Nash-Williams will officiate. Mr R. Khan

**Forthcoming** 

marriages

Mr B.K. Romer-Lee

and Miss L Montgomery

Montgomery, of Kinross.

Mr C.V.deP. Doyle and Miss A. Fitzberbert-

Brockholes

and Miss S.T. Hussain The engagement is announced between Raza, eldest son of Mr and Mrs S. Khan, of Manor Park, London, and Samina, eldest

daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Hussain, of Harrow on the Hill. Middlesex. Mr M.J. Ludwig and Miss J.C. Fallows

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs John Ludwig, of Hackney, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Fallows, of Barnet. Mr A.H. Peachey

and Miss C.V. Gordon The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Peachey, of Quenington. Cirencester. Gloucestershire and Caroline. daughter of Mrs Hopton and stepdaughter of Mr Geoffrey Hopton, of Hardwicke, Hay-on

Wye. Herefordshire. Mr J.R. Steele and Miss L. Garey

The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr and Mrs H.J. Steele, of Crawley, Hampshire, and Liisa, younger daughter of Mr J.R.H. Garey, of Bowerchalke, Wiltshire, and Mrs H.J. Whyte, of Northington, Hampshire.

Latest wills

Elizabeth Coillier, of East Otford, Kent, left estate valued at £2.028.050 net. She left shares in her estate to Dr. Barnardo, and Old Feople's Housing

Phyllis Evelyn Van Nievelt, of Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire, left estate valued at £2,138,758 net. She left £1,000 each to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, PDSA, RSPCA, Guide Dogs for the Blind, NSPCC, Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, Bitue Cross and PAWS: and £5,000 to Emmanuel church Lausbhomuch

Mr J.A.F. Noel-Baker and Miss L.M.A. Seydlin

The marriage took place on Gardens, London W2, of Mr Allan Noel-Baker, younger son of the Hon Francis and Mrs Noel-Baker, Mrs Slawomir Scydlitz, of Harefield. Middlesex. Prebendary assisted by the Rev William

marriage by her father, was attended by Alexander Chance and Miss Joanna Stanford, Mr Philip Noel-Baker was best man.

and Miss V.H. Avern

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Petworth, West Sussex, of Mr Alastair Cutning, younger son of Colonel and the Hon Mrs R.H. Cuming, of Swanbourne, Buckinghamshire, to Miss Victoria Avern, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Avern, of Kirdford, Canon Francis

Mr J.A.C. Maitland and Miss S.H. Barker

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Royal Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst, of Mr John Maitland, son of Mr and the Hon Mrs John Maitland, of mbe. Gloucestershire Miss Susanna Barker, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs David Barker, of Up. Nately, Hampshire. The Rev A.J. Brown officiated.

Mr J.W.B. May Somerville and Miss A.C.H. Fraser

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Bartholomew's, Corsham, Wiltshire, of Mr William May Somerville, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael May Somerville, of Lamerhooe, Devon, to Miss Anne Fraser, younger daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs Malcolm Fraser, of Corsham. The Dean of Windsor officiated, assisted by Canon Roger Clifton and the Rev James Campbell.

Mr T.M.C. Holeraft and Miss C.L. Marr

The marriage took place on Saturday in Winchester Cathedral of Mr Thomas Holcroft, second son of Sir Peter Holcroft, of Berrington, Shropshire, and of Mrs Simon Firbank, of Bourton, Dorset, to Miss Camilla Marr, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Marr, of Sutton Scotney, Hampshire. The Rev A. Jardine

Mr C. Kirkpatrick Whitby and Miss J.L. Wright The marriage took place on Saturday, May 31, at St Anne's Church, Wandsworth, London, of

Mr Craig Kirkpatrick Whitby, to Miss Joanna Wright, eldest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Reginald Peter Wright, of Sheffield. A reception was held at 30 Pavilion Road, Knightsbridge.

The marriage fook place on Saturday, May 31, at St Pater's Church, Eaton Square, of Mr. David Govett, son of Mr Peter Govett and of Mrs Michael Moore to Miss Jennifer Streeten daughter of Mr and Mrs Basil Streeten. The Rev Desmood Tillyer officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Charlotte Terry and Maximilian Adorian. Mr. Malcolm Freeman was best man. A reception was held at Porbes House and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr N.M. Mavroleon

and Senorita M. Aguayo The marriage took place on Saturday, May 31, at the private Chapel of Agios Basileos, Porto Heli, Greece, of Mr Nicholas Mayroleon, younger son of Mr Bluey Mavroleon of Perroy. Switzerland and of Contessa Ascanio Cicogna, of London, to Senorita Martha Aguayo Flores. daughter of Senor and Senora Manuel Aguayo, of Mexico City.

and Miss A.I. Rezves

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 31, at the Church of St Mary and St Peter, Wilmington, between Mr Jason Morris, only son of Dr and Mrs Desmond Morris, of Oxford, and Miss Anita Reeves, younger daughter of Mr Geoffrey Reeves and the late Mrs Reeves, of Wilmington, East Sussex. The Rev David Smith officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her lather, was attended by her sister Miss Angela Reeves, Harriet March, Jack Reeves and Laurence Gerhardt. Mr Adrian McGlynn was best A reception was held at

Charleston Manor, Littington.

Mr B.M.J. Strickland and Miss C.A.L. Harrison-

The marriage took place on Saturday, at the Church of St Mary and St Alkelda, Middleham, of Mr Benjamin Strickland, son of Mr and Mrs Benjamin Strickland. and Miss Charlotte Harrison-Topham, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Harrison-Topham. The Rev David Eyles officiated, assisted by the Right Rev Patrick O'Donoghue, Bishop in West London.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Meeka Harrison-Topham, Poppy Ropner, Holly Bourne-Arton and George and Oliver Lamb Mr Mark Bridgeman was best man. A reception was held at the home

of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent in Corsica.

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# stone in the place where God had spoken with him, and he offered a drink-offering on it and poured oil over it. Jacob called the place where God had spoken with him Bethel. Genesis 35: 14,15 | Genesis 35: 14,15

BIRTHS

BENHAM-FRANY - On May 18th, to Maria and James, a daughter, Locia, a playmate for Henry (the spaniel).

CHARLES - On May 9th, to Anita (nee Humphries) and Edward, a daughter, Sasha Ida Khiannon. HUGHES - On April 20th 1997, to Fenny (née Davies) and David, a son, Robert Lloyd, a brother for Alexander.

Lucy (née Piper) and Charies, a daughter, Poppy Alexandra, a sister for Henry

ROWE (LETH) - On Monday 17th March at RUH Bath, born to David, Meaghan and Gamma Joila, a son, Jacob Carl Steven (3lbs loz) and a daughter, Zulle Pamela (2lbs 11%ox). Heartfelt thanks to NICU and Birthing Unit at the RUH.

DEATHS

BAYLY - In Winchcombe on 28th May, Peter, aged 83 years. Baloved husband of the late Butty, much loved father of Diana, Theodora and Peter, dear grandfather of Clyrie, Harriet, Peter, William, Lydia and Ben. Funeral Service at 87 Peters Church. Winchcombe at 12 noon on Thursday 5th June. Flowers or donations to Marie Curie Cancer Caresent c/o Masoa & Stokes, 54 Bowlett Road, Cheltenham, CL52 6AH.

CARLISLE - Iain Oglivic Dr. Busband of Jill. Beloved of a large family. Reacefully in his sleep 29th May, In the bad in which he was boun 1926. Cremation 12 noon Friday 6th June Exetor crematorium Northbrook Park, Topsham Road. No flowers donation in lieu to The British Heart

Foundation.

BENTLEY - Caroline jane of
Lots Road, Chelsea, much
loved daughter of David and
the late Patricia, and dearly
loved sister of Keith and the
late Christina Died suddenly
at home on 1st May 1997
aged 39 years. The funeral
service will be held at
Cambridge City
Crematorium, West Chapel,
at 130 pm on Friday 6th
Juna. The fathily invite har
friends to join them at the
Dolphin Motel, St Ives.
Cambridge after the service. Cambridge after the service.
Denations in memory of
Caroline for the Save the
Children Fund may be sent
c/o H.l. Painth Ltd., 43 High
Street, Linton, Cambridge
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COLF - George William C.R.E. peacofully in his sleep on May 28th 1997 at St Lake's Nursing Mome, Orderd, in his 94th year. Will be much missed by his family and wide circle of friends. Sarvice at St Glies Church, Oxford, on Friday lane 6th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations most welcome for St Bartaholomew's Church Essteration Appeal, Fingest, c/o Edward Carter (F/D). 107 South Avenue, Abingdon, OX14 1QS. Enquiries (01235) 528293.

on Friday 6th June at 2 pm Flowers to Kavin Holland Funeral Services, 246

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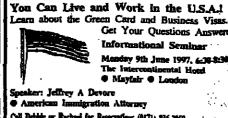
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# NIKOLAI TIKHONOV

Nikolai Tikhonov, Chairman of the Council of Ministers (Prime (inister) of the Soviet Union, 1980. 85, died yesterday aged 92. He was born on May 14, 1905.

The role of Nikolai Tikhonov within the Soviet leadership was always subordinate to that of the party leader, and his promotion to the headship of the Soviet Government tured much to his long-standing friendship with Leonid Brezhnev. Given the close Brezhnev connection and his advanced age, it was not expected that he would retain his high post for long after Andropov had established himself in power. That he held it for five years may e attributed both to Andropov's premanure demise and to the fact that he was as much a technocrat as a politician.

Nikolai Aleksandrovich Tikhonov was horn into a middle-class Ukrainian family in the city of Kharkov. He attended a technical school in Dneproperrovsk which specialised in the railway industry and, on leaving it in 1924 his first job was as an assistant train driver. After this he became a technician in a mine and in 1930, following further study, qualified as a metallurgical engineer from the Dnepropetrovsk Metallurgical Institute. Between 1930 and 1947 Tikhonov served in a variety of industrial posts in the Ukraine

as a technical engineer, mine supervisor and subsequently chief engineer in vari-

Though it was during the 1930s that he made the acquaintance of Leonid Brezhnev. Tikhonov himself joined the Communist Party surprisingly late for someone who was eventually to reach Politburo rank, becoming a member only in 1940 when he was aged 35. Between 1947 and 1950 Tikhonov was a factory manager in the Dnepropetrovsk area of which Brezhnev at that time was regional party

When Tikhonov moved from industry politics, it was to governmental rather than party administration. In 1950 he joined the staff of the Ministry of Ferrous Metallurgy and by 1955 he was a Deputy Minister. With the abolition of most of the industrial ministries by Khrushchev in 1957. Tikhonov found himself back in his native Ukraine as chairman of the Dnepropetrovsk regional economic

He remained in that post for three years, but from 1960 onwards his career proceeded exclusively in Moscow, as he gradually made his way to the top of the ministerial hierarchy. From 1960 until 1963 he was deputy chairman of the State Scientific and Economic Council and from 1963-65 deputy chairman of Gosplan (the state planning committee). In 1965 he

became a deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers and from 1976 was First Deputy Chairman to Aleksei Kosygin. It is highly probable that Tikhonov owed the first of these promotions to Brezhnev's desire to have someone with close connections to himself as a counterweight to Kosygin within the Council of Ministers, and the second to Brezhnev's wish that Tikhonov should succeed to Kosygin's post. When Kosygin resigned because of ill-health in October 1980 (just two months before his death). Tikhonov was duly appointed his successor, even though he was then already 75 years of

nev group" had brought him party as well as ministerial promotion. In 1961, when Khrushchev was still party leader but Brezhnev was already an influential Secretary of the Central Committee and Politburo member, Tikhonov became a candidate member of the Central Committee and in 1966, by which time Brezhnev had succeeded Khrushchev, a full member. It was not, however, until the late 1970s that Brezhnev succeeded in elevating Tikhonov to the highest ranks of the party leadership. Tikhonov was into his eighth decade by the time he became in 1978 a candidate (non-voting) member and in 1979 a full member of the Politburo. Tikhonov's style was low-key and

Tikhonov's membership of the "Brezh-

unflamboyant. His responsibilities for the economy led him to take a special interest in the experience of, and technical cooperation with, both East and West Germany. He travelled to the GDR more than twenty times and to the Federal German Republic on at least four occasions. He had seen more of the West than had a majority of his Politburo colleagues, having twice visited the United States as well as Austria, Canada, Finland, Greece. Italy and Switzerland.

During Chernenko's 13 months as Soviet leader, Tikhonov, though the older man, enjoyed better health and undertook some of the burden of high-level diplomawhich would normally have fallen to the General Secretary. In protocol terms, he was the number two person within the system, though the political reality was different, as Mikhail Gorbachev's election as General Secretary when Chernenko died was to illustrate.

Since Tikhonov's post as Chairman of the Council of Ministers carried with it heavy responsibilities for the running of the economy, it was not to be expected that Gorbachev, with his interest in the reorganisation and invigoration of the Soviet economy, would wish to leave such an important job in the hands of someone of Tikhonov's advanced years. Accordingly, he was retired, for "health reasons", in September 1985.





Eric Barton, bookseller, died at Putney on May 21 aged 88. He was born on May 7, 1909.

THE bookdealing world lost a notable character, and Richmond. Surrey, a stimulating port of call for residents and visitors, when Eric Barton was obliged to give up his Baldur Bookshop in 1993. He established the shop in Hill Rise, Richmond, in 1936 and after the Second World War it became so significant a centre for both the town and the book world that when the lease expired in 1978, a vigorous local campaign was launched, persuading the owners to renew it for a further 15 years. This allowed Barton to continue presiding in inimitable style over one of the most individual, maddening, but rewarding second-hand bookshops in the London

Regulars knew how to respond when they opened the

#### **ERIC BARTON**

slightly-stuck and battered glass door, sending the ancient bell jangling, and sparking the owner into abrasive reflex action. "What are you looking for?", or on more direct days, "What do you want?" would greet the newcomer - an response likely to stop the unwary in his or her

tracks.

An inquiry about a particular category of book could bring the exasperated comment, "Oh God — we don't sell things like that". And if the insistent book-hunter showed signs of staying, the next declaration would probably be "We're just closing". If it rained during trading hours, Barton, wearing a raincoat of Columbo style, would hover immediately inside the locked door, waving off soaked and desperate customers, and mouthing the explanation that he would open - when the rain stopped. His normal post was on a cushioned chair behind an ancient cash register and a complex of battered reference books, backed by a

yond This Point." But for the determined, the ewards could be rich, because Baldur was packed with a marvelous array of antiquarian and second-hand books. plus posters, letters, postcards, photographs, magazines, newspapers and a range of memorabilia. And regular customers, once initiated into the Barton style, and accepted by him as buyers with bona fide interests, would find the proprietor thoroughly genial and splendid company.

stern sign: "Public Not Be-

He would offer anecdotes and gossip about a variety of topics and intimate worlds, from theatre to sport - and allow the favoured to proceed behind the sign and study the more specialised material in the little room at the back. Barton would mention endless famous personalities, not in any sense of name-dropping, but simply because his relationship with them was genuine and germane to the debate in hand, and he had a vast store of information to tease.

entertain or inform. The son of a solicitor (who died when the boy was six), and a headmistress, Eric William Wild Barton was born at Kew, and lived in the area all his life. He went to school locally and then to Battersea Grammar School before attending University College London. At 18 he joined a small publishing house, soon moved to another, and in later life would explain drily that "wherever I went, I was automatically sacked after a few months - for complete lack of

He tried bookselling with two partners in Crouch End in 1932-33, but the Depression was the wrong time for a shoestring enterprise. With only a few pounds left, he and one partner moved to Richmond Hill, but his colleague was a musicologist who worked during the night, slept in daylight hours, and would turn up only at closing time. After a few weeks he walked out, leaving Barton on his

Army call-up was deferred until 1941 for the owner of a one-man business; Barton then joined the Royal Army Medical Corps (being disqualifed from combat duty when the premature discharge of a rifle perforated an eardrum), and served in

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Demobbed in 1946, he

found himself, on returning to the shop, somehow acquiring 2,000 postcards, and to his surprise discovered a growing interest in this field. Theatrical and military cards especially became highly collectible, with the Baldur Bookshop paving the way to the point that Eric Barton is credited with single-handedly reviving a craze which had died out with the First World War. With non-collectors happy to dispose of postcard albums, supplies poured in. Barton declaring he held a stock of a million cards by the early

Collectors who made the trek to Hill Rise ranged from the writer Caryl Brahms and, later, the television presenter Lucinda Lambton, to the comedian Ronnie Barker - an enthusiast for saucy Edwardian cards. Others who shopped for years by post included the cricket commentator John Arlott, who took advantage of the specialist collection of cricketana always on offer. Other customers who built a valued relationship with Barton the character and his endless resources included T. S. Eliot. Sir Compton Mac-

kenzie, and Bernard Levin. Eric Barton had a wideranging interest in literature and literary figures, including Dylan Thomas. In 1977 he led a nationwide campaign to buy the Thomas boathouse at Laugharne, to preserve it as a memorial.

The most successful Barton crusade was to have Oscar Wilde's centenary commentorated in 1954, primarily by having an LCC plaque erected

at No 16 (now 64) Tite Street, Chelsea, Wilde's home from his marriage in ISS4 until his arrest in 1895. This began with an appeal to The Times: as Wilde's homosexuality was still generally regarded with great distaste. Barton had his wife sign the letter as a subtle

means of evoking sympathy. in later years Barton was persuaded to thin out the stock, somewhat to the regret of regulars discovering they could now walk freely among the books and extract volumes without risk of bringing a stack toppling to the floor but also losing the thrill of the treasure-hunt, never knowing what might be revealed.

Barton took a special interest in the life of particular areas of London, most notably Richmond, as a committee member of the Richmond Society. He was fierce in protection of its amenities, especially if he saw them as under threat by development.

An MCC member for many years, he was regularly to be found in his favourite corner seat in front of the Lord's Pavilion - and on reaching his 88th birthday, he solemnly informed club officials he was actually 90, at which age a guest reception is traditionally laid on for the guest of honour Sadly he was too ill to benefit from his initiative.

In 1948 Eric Barton married Irina Rowlands-Wifbeach, a resilient and vivacious personality who was to present for many the friendly face of Baldur, customers of nervous disposition being known to spy out the land and visit the shop only when she was in charge. She and their two sons survive Barton; a daughter. Lisa, predeceased him.

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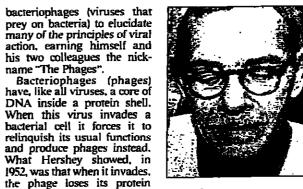
A SCIENTIST whose work lay at the threshold of molecular genetics, Alfred Hershey was awarded a Nobel Prize for his study of the genetic structure of viruses.

A virus is a submicroscopic entity capable of reproducing itself only by invading - and usually by destroying — living cells. They are responsible for some of the most important medical conditions affecting man from Aids to polio, from flu to yellow fever. Virtually nothing

known about these organisms when Hershey began his investigations in 1940. Working jointly with the fellow American scientists, Max Delbrück and Salvador Luria, he conducted experiments on

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It is one of the characteristics of broadcasting that humour comes with difficulty over the wireless waves, and that in the process it loses something of its flavour. There are reasons enough for this that have been hinted at. Half the humour of the cornedian is in his face. Many a song that wakes boisterous laughter would doubtless sound rather flat if, though heard in a theatre or music hall, it were sung from behind a screen. Moreover, the comedian, more than any other actor, requires the inspiration of present appreciation; jokes are apt to fail, and humour is likely to wither ithout the nourishment of laughter. Hence it is humour of a very special sort that is wanted for boradcasting — humour that exists in what is said or sung and in the intonation of a voice, humour that can live without atmosphere and does not need the reinforcement of antics or eyebrows. Mr. Milton Hayes is an example of the comedian who is as successful when broadcasting as when appearing on the stage. His speeches had addresses, compounded of sentences that never end and of aspirations that have no point or purpose, sound



research was soon to reveal that phages carried genetic bacterial drug resistance and could be transmitted from one bacterium to another. This became central to concerns about failure of drugs and about disease control.

Alfred Day Hershey read



information that could create

biology at Michigan University and went on, in 1934, to

take a PhD in microbiology. He taught for some years at the University of Washington. St Louis. began discussing phage re-search with Delbrück and Laria, and by the end of the decade he and others were able to provide a genetic description of the phage chromosome.

> much of his earlier work. He retired in 1974. During his research career he received many awards, including the Albert Lasker

Award and the Kimber Genetics Award of the American National Academy of Sciences. in 1969 he and Delbrück and Laria received

the Nobel Prize.

ON THIS DAY DIFFICULTY ABOUT HUMOUR. June 2, 1925

"The wireless" enormously widened the horizons of millions of people. There was the chance to hear music, church services, talks and debates, but transmitting humour when the comedian had no immediate audience. and was "invisible", presented problems

irresistibly droll when they are transmitted. He is a comedian who does not need "to wait for the laugh." But his style cannot easily be copied, which is unfortuante for listeners generally. Mr. John Henry, some particulars of whose plans for the immediate future appear in another column, depends for his effects almost wholly on matter and inflexion of voice; hence the popularity of his hmadcast performances. On the whole, then, it would appear that, until some very great advance is made in transmission, comedy, used in the stage application of the word, will lend itself but ill to broadcasting, and that while the listener will not lose very much of the

performance when hearing and not seeing, say, Mr. John Coates, he will certainly miss a great deal of it in hearing and not seeing, say, Mr. Leslie Henson. Broadcasting, having already created a wholly new vocation, will probably bring into being a new genus of comedians. It is to be hoped that the event will not long be deferred, for it is on the lighter side that the broadcast entertainments appear at present to require most strengthening.

DEBATE BETWEEN MR. SHAW AND MR. BELLOC

Mr. George Bernard Shaw and Mr. Hilaire Belloc will take part in a debate on "What is Coming" at the Savoy Theatre on June 9. Mr J. C. Squire will preside. The debate, which will be broadcast, has been organized by the London School of Economics.

Experiments are now in hand in connexion with broadcasting the "Flying Scotsman" on June 30. Investigations are being made to ascertain where it would be possible, by means of a portable transmitter, to transmit from the footplate of the engine, but the whole proceeding is subject to permission being obtained from the Postmaster-General.

### THE TIMES TODAY

#### French Left romps home

■ The Left won a convincing victory in the French parliamentary elections, overturning the massive majority enjoyed by the Centre-Right and ushering in an unpredictable era of power-sharing between a Socialist-led government and the conservative President Chirac.

Moments after voting ended, the polling organisation CSA predicted that the combined Left, made up of Socialists, Communists and other left-wing parties, would win about 310 seats in the 577-seat parliament...

#### Loyalist mob kills RUC officer

An off-duty police constable was beaten to death by a loyalist mob outside a public house in Ballymoney, Co Antrim. Later the IRA ended a month-long unofficial ceasefire by abandoning a van with 1,000lb of explosives in West Belfast ..... ..... Page 1

#### Girl safe at last

A girl aged two is expected to be reunited with her British parents today after being abandoned in the chaos of the evacuation of ....Pages 1, 12 Sierra Leone...

#### Tory battle

Rivalry between Baroness Thatcher and Michael Heseltine. who ended her reign as Prime Minister, reignited in the battle for the Tory leadership.....Page 2 Goldsmith ill

Sir James Goldsmith, the billionaire businessman who founded the Referendum Party, is critically ill with cancer in hospital near ...Page 3

#### Famine apology

Tony Blair has moved to heal one of the greatest wounds in Anglo-Irish history by criticising Britain for allowing a million people to die in the Great Famine .. Page 4

#### Reading dreams

A psychotherapist is categorising dreams in the hope that they may diagnose disease or predict birth and death. He has collected more than 200 dreams linked to physical conditions after asking people for their experiences......Page 5

#### School fund

England's largest independent day school is building up a fund of £10 million to cover the fees of every pupil from a deprived background who passes its entrance . Page 6

#### D. H. Lawrence letters

Letters to a close friend in which D.H. Lawrence expresses despair at the controversy surrounding Lady Chatterley's Lover and rage at the censoring of his paintings is to be sold. ...Page 8

#### Vaccine law cases

Parents of children who became brain-damaged after routine vaccinations are to sue drug companies in an effort to gain more compensation than the £30,000 maximum permitted...... Page 9

#### Rome crisis

Italy's Albanian policy was in disarray following the abrupt resignation of its newly nominated Ambassador to Tirana and controversy over a "Commissioner Extraordinary" ...... Page 10

German budget row The Bonn Government showed signs of serious strain as power brokers met to find a way out of the financial crisis ...... Page 11

#### £3 billion lawsuit

A landmark case in which a Mormon air stewardess is suing Philip Morris for £3 billion for injury suffered through passive smoking in flight cabins begins today in Florida

#### Afghanistan retreat

Taleban's rout from northern Afghanistan — it has retreated 120 miles south in six days - marks the collapse of an elaborate gameplan by Pakistan ...

#### The office bully goes electronic

The office bully has found a powerful new way to make his underlings feel small — electronic mail. Sophisticated systems designed to ease communication in the office are being used to hector and harass, a survey has shown. More than half of those responding said thay had been the unwilling recipients of abusive messages, nearly always from male bosses..... Page 3



Priests waiting in Wroclaw yesterday to greet the Pope who is making an emotional 11-day visit to his homeland. Page 13

Europe: Brussels is proposing farreaching extensions of Europe's powers over jobs in new plans for employment tabled for the EU summit in Amsterdam .... Page 48 Halifax: Nearly eight million people will share in a £17 billion financial bonanza today when the Halifax Building Society floats on the stock market and becomes a ... Page 48 bank.....

Mining: Gencor, the South African mining giant, is considering a £5 billion-plus demerger involving the flotation of a new mining company on the London Exchange Page 48 Defence: Tony Blair is believed to be negotiating a deal with Germany over two military aircraft developments which could create 57,000 jobs ..... ..Page 45

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in grand style, with Sir Georg Solti conducting Elijah Moshinsky's Simon Boccanegra ..... .....Page 18 Fitting revival: Scottish Opera revives David Pountney's now well-nigh definitive production of Janáček's Cunning Little

Good start: The Royal Opera

launches this year's Verdi Festival

Broadway export: That vintage American baseball musical, Damn Yankees, is back in London in a Broadway production that hopes to find a sympathetic audience in the West End...

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Downshifting's downside": On day one of our new series, Grace Bradberry reports on what really happens when you opt for the sim-Riddled with guilt: "The suffering I

have caused will not leave me alone. Wouldn't you feel guilty if, as a Catholic bishop in your mid-50s, you had allowed this to happen?" Bill Frost talks to the disgraced former Roman Catholic Bishop of ..Page 17 Argyll.

Hurricane secrets: Scientists have found that the warmer the sea, the more frequent the hurricanes. Anjana Ahuja reports...... Page 15 Science briefing: Can radiation be good for us?....

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Malcolm, the fast bowler, looks certain to play for England again. in the Ashes series...... Pages 28-30 Rugby Union: Mike Catt, the standoff half, has been called up from England's tour of Argentina to play for the British Lions in South Afri-

Football: Glenn Hoddle, the Eng-

land coach, predicts "a titarric bat-

tle" when his team takes on Italy in

their World Cup qualifying match

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Cricket: Mark Butcher, the opener,

will make his debut and Devon

ca. He will replace the injured Paul

Grayson..... \_\_\_\_\_Page 31 Golf: Ross McFarlane, of Manchester, won his first European Tour event after II: barren years when he took the Deutsche Bank Rowing: Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent kept their five-year

unbeaten record intact when they won another title - with their two new crew men - in the World Cup in Munich... ... Page 32 Racing: André Fabre, Europe's outstanding trainer, gained his first

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Peintre Celebre stormed home at

2, 5, 9, 28, 29, 45. Bonus: 49. Five tickets win £1,448,508 each; 24 win £92,853 for five numbers and the bonus: 1,176 win £1,184 for five: 69,065 win £44 for four; 1,245,805 win £10 for three.

Preview: A bank manager is not sure of his credit rating: The Peter Principle (BBC1, 8.30 pm) Review: Matthew Bond says Channel 5 failed to score.... ..... Page 47

#### France turns left

France would not today be poised to take a giant step into the past, had M Chirac not led the Right's parliamentary majority into battle on ground it should never have picked ....

Back to back to basics • It is difficult to envisage how welfare reform could succeed without some element of compulsion and the threat that benefit would be cur-

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tailed...

That evergreen and hardy perennial radio programme Gardeners' Question Time is celebrating its goldenrod jubilee.... .....Page 21

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John Major's leadership, like that of George Bush, always had a problem with "the vision thing". His followers asked for inspiration: 🧶 he fed them fudge ...... Page 20 TIMOTHY GARTON ASH

Markus Wolf is charming welldressed, thoughtful, he is quite unlike all the other pot-bellied, narrow-minded, philistine Stasi officers whom I have tracked down to gloomy bungalows...... Page 20 PETER RIDDELL

Forget the international solidarity of the Left. The French election results are bad news for Tony ... Page 20

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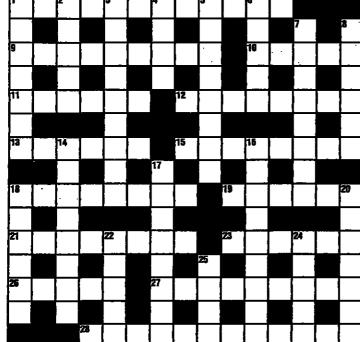
Northern Ireland; Nato agreement; Halifax Building Society...Page 21

Chancellor Kohl's tears were also tears for the great and courageous project for European economic and monetary union. The fate of perhaps also the entire governing political class of Europe depends on a project which now finds welf, in extreme difficulty - La Stampa Rome

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Armed unit holding back gunners obtaining medals, perhaps (9).

10 Son tucked into grub in temporary accommodation (5). Not appearing to have an ability to absorb science initially (6).
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inal (8). 13 One who prevents front coming off hat (6).

2 15 Made unauthorised collection and put a bit on a horse (8). 18 Massage back wound - result of

explosion (8). 19 Scholar meeting master primarily to express disapproval of cane

21 Reject blue act to open with (4,4). 23 Smart belt he put on cloak (6). 26 It can be a crime to smuggle in a foreigner (5).

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,494 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each

receive a £20

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27 Got back from hide in the long grass (9). 28 Coming back to harvest fruit

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2 Down under, sport is dominant 3 Thrash in convincing way to

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18 Take chance with fish shop (6). 20 Completed fitting, and not before time (7).

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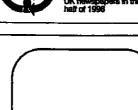
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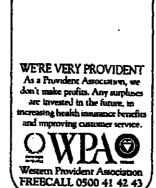
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Lakes, IoM, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: Dry and mostly sunny. Wind NE light or moderate. Max 18C to 18C (59F to 64F).

Borders, Edinburgh & Dundes, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Patchy low cloud on coasts, otherwise sunny spells. Wind northeast mainly moderate. Max 13C to 15C (55F to 59F). Continey, Shettand: Mist and low cloud.
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Outlook: Mostly dry and surmy. Showers possible in south, drizzle in north.

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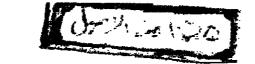
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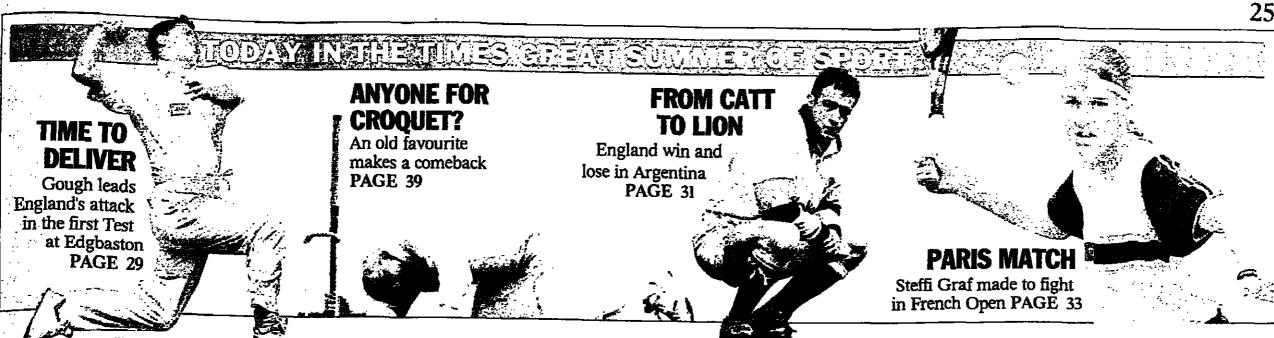
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Sheringham, who scored England's second goal in the closing seconds of the match in Katowice, celebrates the 2-0 victory over Poland which put England back on track for the World Cup finals. Photographs: Neal Simpson

# Hoddle maps Roman road England have now scored seven goals in their three

BY OLIVER HOLT POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

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THE plane carrying the celebrating England team home was still on the ground at Katowice airport in the early hours of yesterday morning when a familiar voice crackled over the intercom. We are about to take off," Paul Gascoigne said. Tasten your seat belts and sail on England. Take care."

England's spirits were already soaring by then any-way, hurting towards orbit after bravura performances from Alan Shearer, whose strength, pace and guile over-whelmed the Poles in the first half, Paul Ince and Gareth Southgate in particular had inspired them to become the first England team for 31 years to win on Polish soil. Their 2-0 win over Poland in

the tribal atmosphere of the Slaski Stadium on Saturday night, courtesy of two more goals from Shearer and Teddy Sheringham, brought to an end more than three months of self-doubt inflicted by the professional

home defeat to Italy in February. Suddenly the optimism that was rife during Euro 96 is

England will probably still have to beat Moldova at Wembley on September 10 and Italy in Rome a month later to qualify at the top of group two. But they are now comfortably clear of Belgium in the race for the leading runners-up position that would also guarantee them qualification for the World Cup finals in France next year.

Yesterday morning, when the plane landed back at Luton Airport, Hoddle and his players were already talking up a scenario in which Italy might fail to secure a win in Georgia in the autumn, leaving England needing only a draw in the Eternal City in October to qualify outright.

with us again.

fears. "As long as we stay

little bit of tension can start to creep in.

What is clear, though, amid all the permutations, is that that return match in Rome's Olympic Stadium will be a mighty showdown, It is not, though, a match that Hoddle against Moldova," Hoddle said, "it is gualifying campaign and going to be a titanic battle in that is something that has to Rome. That was what was so pleasing about our perfor-mance here because the closer you get to that ultimate game a

"I have had a gut feeling for a long time that it would go to Rome and I think Italy will find themselves facing a very different England to the one they beat at Wembley. We have had three away wins in

make our younger players grow up. "You have to remember

that, for the two years before I took over, they were playing friendlies at Wembley, nothing that would prepare them for the sort of pressure here tonight. "We will not fear going across there needing to get a result. It is a game that all the players in this team would relish."

ENGLAND'S ROUTE TO FRANCE 1998.

RESULTS: Moldova 0 England 3: Moldova 1 Italy 3: England 2 Poland 1: Italy 1 Georgia 0; Georgia 0 England 2: Poland 2 Moldova 1: England 0 Italy 1: Italy 3 Moldova 0; Poland 0 Italy 0; Italy 3 Poland 0: England 2 Georgia 0; Poland 0: England 2

MATCHES TO COME: June 7: Georgia v Moldova. June 14: Poland v Georgia Sept 10: England v Moldova; Georgia v Italy. Sept 24: Moldova v Georgia o 7: Moldova v Poland. Oct 11: Italy v

4 Yugoslavia [6] ... 5 Austria [4] .... 6 Switzerland [3] 7 Russia [5] ...... 8 Germany [9] ... 9 Ireland [8] ....

**RUNNERS-UP** 

C) Records based on results against first, third and lourin-placed teams in respective groups C) Yugoslavia ara above Austria by viraue of having scored more away goals

home will help England's cause immeasurably in Rome especially if Italy have suffered a setback in Georgia.

More than that, though, England's confidence seems at last to be growing with every game, aided by familiarity with each other and with the methods of Hoddle. The nag-ging scepticism about the coach's talents is being swept

> In that light, it was symbolic, that Southgate, aided by the fierce determination of Gary Neville and the growing poise of Sol Campbell, should pro-

qualifying games abroad

without conceding one and Hoddle said that they had been working on perfecting the swiftest of counter-attack-

ing techniques in training with drills where the team had

to score within ten seconds of

methods of containment and

counter-attack and the 3-5-2

system that Hoddle favours

and works so well away from

That perfection of the best

winning the ball.

duce his best performance on Saturday since his appearance against Germany in the Euro 96 semi-final.

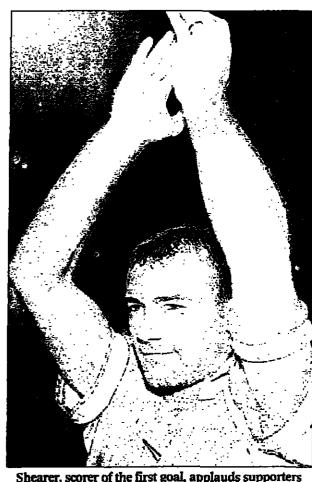
"Personally, I think I have been desperate to try to do everything I can to redeem myself," Southgate said, "but there is really no way you can do that. It is past I do not think you can ever really lay that ghost but it was impor-

Back to the future Poles caught cold .. Scotland win .

tant for me to show people tonight that I could play with more confidence.

This match meant such a

lot to everybody because it was such an important result in terms of the group. Sometimes, like after the defeat to Italy, we go overboard and panic. But the system we play is suited to away games. Going to Rome will not be easy. We have got to respect them but fearing them would be the wrong thing to do."



Shearer, scorer of the first goal, applauds supporters

rais at 100% EC RDA. When a balanced diet isz't possible, there's no more coa

# Scott suffers during rough channel crossing

esson one is easy: if career will ever contain a more Channel 5 ever throws uncomfortable seven hours. another party in a teleand guests must be placed in a separate, sound-proof booth. Soap opera stars and page-three girls, like small children, should be seen but not heard - not while there's World Cup football on, anyway.

Lesson two is pretty straightforward, too. If live sport is to be an irregular event in the schedule, as it seems destined to be on Channel 5, by all means make your presentation style conspicu-ously different, but for goodness sake have the courage of your convictions. Embrace a laddish mix of betting, birds and booze, but do not ask the middle-aged and polite Brough Scott to be your anchorman. It is difficult to imagine that his broadcasting

WHILE the athletics world

focused its attention on Ameri-

can sprinters and African

middle-distance runners over

the weekend, British athletes

went about their business

quietly, but effectively. They

competed not as they will at the European Cup three weeks

hence, as one committed

army, but as fragmented

units, their fighting strength

looking none the weaker for

being splintered.
While the European Cup

captains led by example, Linford Christie winning a 100

metres race in Hengelo. Hol-

land, and Sally Gunnell a 400

metres hurdles in Bedford,

there was a good deal more

Steve Backley and Jonathan

Edwards made winning starts

to the season in Riga, Latvia;

Jon Brown, in Hengelo, leap-

frogged David Bedford and

Brendan Foster to record the

second fastest 10.000 metres

by a Briton, and Ian Mackie

ran a 150 metres in Cardiff that would not have been

sniffed at by those in Toronto

last night for the Michael

Mackie recorded 14.99sec

Johnson-Donovan Bailey

and, if spectators were disap-

pointed that Frankie Freder-

icks did not keep his date to run, the young Scot had greater reason to feel regret.

Mackie, whose victory over

Christie in Sheffield last Au-

gust strengthened Britain's

faith that it possesses a rising

100 metres talent, would be

celebrating a landmark had

Unchallenged. Mackie

Fredericks been there.

match over that distance.

from which to draw encour-

He was at his best at the beginning, when he confidently promised "a unique programme of sport". Not wrong, was he? As a bewildering array of reporters flashed before us (one or two of whom, I'm sure, we never saw again). the slightly annoying Adam Darke, in Katowice, tried a bit of cod-Polish. "Smart-arse." Scott responded dismissively. speaking for us all for perhaps

the only time all evening. That, however, was the high point, with the hugely experienced Scott getting inexplicably worse as the evening went on. By half-time he had the haunted look of a man who had forgotten to write his Autocue script. By the time the rugby came on he was virtually incoherent. "From all of us here ... he began as yet

**ATHLETICS** 

Mackie quick to

impress despite

missing record

By David Powell athletics correspondent

luxury he would have denied

himself had the Namibian

been in close proximity.

foot from the accelerator cost

him the British best mark,

Christie, in the first of two victories over Bailey at 150

metres, recorded 14.97sec in

Sheffield three years ago. "If I

had known how close I was to the record I would not have stepped off the gas," Mackie said. "It is a bad habit which I

have got to stop." Mackie. 22. from Dunferm-

line. is a former world junior

championships bronze medal-

winner at 200 metres. Al-

though he enjoyed the benefit

of a slight tailwind in Cardiff,

greater currency for the fact

that Patrick Stevens, of Bel-

gium, Europe's No l senior 200 metres runner, was well

Jamie Baulch, after setting a

British indoor record for 400

metres last winter, continues

to make strides. Baulch won

the 300 metres at Cardiff in

32.0osec, a time that only John

Regis, among Britons, has

bettered. However, Colin

Jackson's form remains a

concern. Jackson barely broke

14 seconds for the 110 metres

Britain's other former world

champion hurdler. Gunnell.

also has time to make up, but

her comfort on Saturday was

in knowing that she completed

her first 400 metres hurdles

hurdles, although he won.

beaten into second place.

held by Christie.



**MATTHEW BOND** TV ACTION REPLAY

another commercial break loomed, "... stay with us in a couple of minutes' time." It's not often I feel sorry for a professional broadcaster, but this was one such occasion.

Lesson three, however, is to look at what worked, which was quite a lot. Alex Rudzinski, the director, was impressively on top of his technology. Getting reporters in Katowice talking to presenters in Southampton is far harder than it appears and Rudzinski managed it without a single finger in the ear or

Olympics last summer. A time

of 56.07sec is more than three

British athletes, is not looking

towards the world championships in Athens. Though he made the final of the 10,000 metres at the 1996 Olympics.

his wife is due to give birth around the time of the British

trials and, furthermore, he

wants to attempt his first

marathon. Though there is

never a guarantee that a quick

10,000 metres athlete will

make a marathon runner.

Brown's 27min 27.47sec in

Hengelo will heighten expectation.

While Brown engaged in a

tactical race with a group of Africans, he gave little thought

to the British record of 27min 23.06sec, set by Eamonn

Martin in 1988. The Briton

kicked with 550 metres to go.

but Ayele Mezegebu, from Ethiopia, came past 200

metres from home to win in

27min 25.01sec. Brown believes 2hr 08min is within his

range when he makes his

marathon debut in Chicago in

Christie's 100 metres vic-

tory, more impressive for it

being over a strong field than

for his time of 10,23sec, was

matched by those of Backley.

Edwards, Ashia Hansen and

Iwan Thomas in Riga. Backley, with his longest

throw for five years, sent the

javelin 89.02 metres. Edwards

began a season in which he

defends his triple jump world

title with a winning 17.21

metres: Hansen won the wom-

en's triple jump with 14.49

metres and Thomas the 400

metres in 45.48sec.

October

Brown, unlike most leading

seconds outside her best.

"say that again". Apart from a surreal quarter-second, when an empty ice rink appeared on our screens, and the satellite failure which cut off Glenn Hoddle in his post-match prime, it was an impressively hiccup-tree performance. The pictures provided by Polish television were unexpectedly

Jonathan Pearce also made a reasonable debut as a television commentator. True, he talked far too much and was partisan to a degree that would have caused apoplexy

at the BBC, but, with one or two forgivable exceptions, he steered clear of the theatrical set-pieces that have made him such a cult figure on commercial radio. Alongside him. Phil Thompson, the former Liverpool defender, struggled to get a meaningful word in.

Back in the studio, the man coping best with the distractions of deafening background noise, uncooperative replays and a host who had lost all track of what passed as a coherent question, was Joe Royle. Nobody seemed to have told him where the replay monitor was, but when the satellite link finally went down it was Royle, rather than Scott, who extemporised with most authority.

The rugby, when it finally arrived, was almost a farce. Billed as having commentary by Chris Rea, Scott nervously

handed over to somebody called Chris Maune. A caption confused the picture further by telling us that commentary was being provided Andy Copastagno. It didn't much matter - whoever it was using a Buenos Aires telephone box as a commentary position was virtually indesipherable.

Given that the whole match was recorded and the final score was already on Ceefax at kick-off, the apologies flashed up at regular intervals seemed totally inadequate. There was worse to come. After 12 minutes of the first half, Scott suddenly appeared again -not to grovel about the sound. but to chew the fat with Nigel Melville, Jeff Probyn and Victor Ubogu and to take another commercial break. The pat-tern was repeated in the second half. Live on Five? I don't think so.

PHIL COLE / ALLSPORT

### Doohan widens the gap over Criville

MICHAEL DOOHAN, the three-times world champion, recorded his 38th World Motorcycling Championship victory at the Austrian Grand Prix in Zeltweg yesterday to take second place in the all-time list of 500cc winners. Only Giacomo Agostini, of Italy, is ahead of the Australian Honda rider, with 68 wins. "To have achieved 38 wins is fantastic but records are not important," Doohan, 31, said.

Doohan's fourth victory of the season extended his lead in the standings over Spanish team-mate Alex Criville to 31 points. Doohan is seeking to become only the third rider, after Agostini and Britain's Mike Hailwood, to win four successive titles. Criville finished a disappointing fifth yesterday. Tadayuki Okada of Japan, riding a Honda. was second. and Luca Cadalora, of Italy, on a Yamaha, third.

#### Baronti sprints away

CYCLING: Alessandro Baronti emerged from a tight, three-man sprint yesterday to claim the fifteenth stage of the Giro d'Italia, while Ivan Gotti retained the leader's pink jersey he had earned the day before. Baronti, of Italy, a member of the Panaria team, used a final burst of speed in the last 50 metres to overtake his countrymen. Filippo Casagrande and Paolo Savoldelli.

Baronti completed the 173 kilometres (107.3 miles) from Verres to Borgomanero in 4hr 29min 23sec. Gotti, trying to become the first Italian in six years to win the Giro, and Pavel Tonkov, his chief rival, finished about one minute behind. Gotti maintained his 51-second overall lead over the Russian, the 1996 champion, with seven stages left.

#### Woosnam the master

GOLF: Ian Woosnam, right, of Wales, claimed his second title in a week by defeating Sandy Lyle, of Scotland, in a two-hole sudden-death playoff in the Hyundai Motor Masters in Seoul. South Korea, yesterday. Both players made pars at the first hole and, at the second, they each hit approach shots to within 15 feet of the pin. However, only Woosnam sank his putt.



#### Monarchs undermined

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: The slim hopes of London Monarchs reaching the World Bowl collapsed at Stamford Bridge yesterday, when poor kicking and a lack of offence led to a 13-9 defeat by Amsterdam Admirals. Scottish Claymores beat Frankfurt Galaxy 24-7 at Murrayfield, thanks to two touchdowns from Siran Stacey, to keep alive their hopes of retaining the title.

#### **Toulouse just too good**

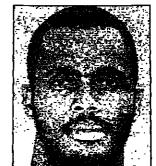
RUGBY UNION: Christophe Deylaud, the former France stand-off half, kicked all Toulouse's points on Saturday as they lifted their fourth successive French title by beating Bourgoin 12-6. Deylaud kicked three penalties and a dropped goal. The result was a disappointment for Bourgoin captain Marc Cecillon, 38, capped 46 times, who had hoped to crown his career with the championship.

#### Tibbs topples Hobday

champion, defeated former world triples champion Jim Hobday in the semi-final of the City of Bath Open tournament yesterday, and then won the E500 prize by defeating Derek Southcombe 21-15 in the final. Jan Stern, of Amersham, retained the women's singles title, beating Nancy Davidson, of Ayre Rankiston, 21-16 in the final.

#### Walsh stays in charge

CRICKET: Ignoring calls to appoint Brian Lara as captain, the West Indies Cricket Board has retained Courtney Walsh, right, as West Indies captain for Sri Lanka's forthcoming Carib-bean tour. Walsh, 34, who took over as captain from Richie Richardson after the World Cup last year, will lead West Indies in the two Tests and a limited-overs international.



#### Loram roars to victory

SPEEDWAY: Mark Loram won his first British champion ship at Coventry yesterday after a dramatic showdown with his childhood friend. Chris Louis, Loram and Louis, who both live in Ipswich, scored 14 points and went into a deciding run-off. Loram almost crashed on the first lap but recovered to storm past Louis at the start of the second lap. Louis regained the lead only for Loram to overtake again.

#### Joyful double for Hoy

EQUESTRIANISM: Andrew Hoy, riding Wanden Park, landed a successful double at the Longleat Horse Trials near Frome yesterday, winning the BEIB Open Intermediate Series final and clinching the special Accumulator. Sarah Bullen and Rock King finished second in the Accumulator on the same score, but had a slower cross country. Anna Herman and Balsam took third place.

#### **POLO**

eased up towards the finish, a since she came to grief at the

### Woodchester triumph heralded by Garros

By John Watson

WOODCHESTER, who are put together by the Irish player Craig Mckinney, carried off polo's premier medium-goal trophy, the Royal Windsor Cup. at the Guards Club vesterday with a 9-55 victory against Stefan Marsaglia's Azzura (received half). who had narrowly beaten Rick Stowe's team. Geebung. in the semi-finals.

Silvestre Garros, Woodchester's seven handicap pivot man, led the attacks that put his squad into a three-goal lead before the close of the first chukka. Azzura's celebrated central duo - Jose Donoso, of Chile, and Andrew Seavill -

were just not quick enough to forestall them. By treading-in time Woodchester were 6-212 ahead, both of Azurra's goals having been scored by

Donoso. Oliver Taylor, whose penalty shots for Azzura had been frustrated by the fierce crosswind, converted a 60-yarder during the fourth chukka and he followed that a minute later with a good goal from

For the winners. Garros scored five and Johnny Good

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Gebrselassie powers away on his own en route to breaking the world two-mile record

#### Bannister impressed by Gebrselassie's gifts "I have spoken to lan Stewart

By David Powell.

politely inquired who Bannister was.

introduction before the summer is

out. Even before the spike marks of

the failed \$1 million Adidas challenge

between Haile Gebrselassie and

Noureddine Morceli in the Dutch

town of Hengelo on Saturday have

had time to heal, the talk is of

matching Komen against Gebrselassie in Britain, with Bannister

invited as a guest.

Now he may receive a personal

|Britain's head of events| and he is DANIEL KOMEN had never heard keen." Jos Hermens. Gebrselassie's manager, said. "I want to see those of Sir Roger Bannister until the subject of running two four-minute two guys doing the two miles in miles without a break came up last Britain, maybe after the world chamwinter. Komen, referring to the pionships. I want to talk to Kim prospect of breaking eight minutes McDonald about it." for two miles, said he was keen "to put it in the history books", and

McDonald. Komen's manager. said that he was "open to any offers or ideas". He added, however, that it was more likely that Komen, whose 3,000 metres world record of 7min 20.67sec suggests that he should beat eight minutes comfortably, and Moses Kiptanui, his fellow Kenyan and the 3,000 metres steeplechase world record-holder, would try to break through the barrier prior to the world championships.

Hermens, who promoted the

Hengelo meeting, had wanted Ban-

nister, the world's first sub fourminute miler, as his guest starter but was unable to contact him. Bannister had been in the United States. returning only last Friday. Too late and probably just as well. The race was a huge anti-climax.

Gebrselassie improved the world best by more than two seconds, to 8min 01.08sec, yet the combination of missing the eight-minutes barrier and Morceli's failure to match him much beyond three laps brought a groan of disappointment. Hermens felt that the project failed because of poor pacemaking and because Morceli had come down from altitude in Albuquerque too close to the

Bannister, though he could not be there, followed the event with interest. He concurred with the point

made by Hermens, that by the time Gebrselassie had recognised Morceli was not up to it, and the pacemakers had been found wanting, the Ethiopian was left with too much to do. When Bannister broke four minutes. he was without a pacemaker for only the last 230 yards. Gebrselassie was out on his own for some 1,500 yards.

"It takes quite a bit of doing to run a mile on your own." Bannister said. "It was a great run but it is not easy to predict these kind of records and no runner can control the wind." The wind was an opponent in Hengelo, as it had been in Oxford on May 6, 1954. when gusts before the race almost tempted Bannister against the effort.

What surprises Bannister is that Gebrselassie, 5ft 3in, and Morceli, 5ft Sin, should make mile and two-mile runners. Gebrselassie, the Olympic

10,000 metres champion, has demonstrated an extraordinary range. "It is amazing to me that they can run so fast over the shorter distances," Bannister said. "They are perfectly built. I would have thought, for 5,000 metres."

Bannister looked closely Gebrselassie's foot plant and noticed an advantage. "His foot and heel are absolutely flat and that is something which I think that middle-distance runners did not used to accept. They felt they ran on the ball of the foot. The Africans roll back onto their heel midway through the stride and that causes a total relaxation of the leg."

Though Gebrselassie missed the \$1 million for breaking eight minutes, his world best will earn a bonus. "We will try and do something for him." Hermens said.

#### RUGBY LEAGUE: BULLS EQUAL RECORD UNBEATEN RUN AND OPEN UP SEVEN-POINT LEAD AT TOP OF SUPER LEAGUE

## Belligerent Bradford ready to take on the world

Salford Reds .... Bradford Bulls ...

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IT WILL take an exceptional side to beat Bradford Bulls. and them pressing on the selfdestruct button to whittle away a seven-point advantage in the Stones Super League. More demanding questions than those asked yesterday at The Willows will be posed in the next three weeks by Penrith. Auckland and Cronulla in the world club

championship. The game was effectively over at half-time. Thereafter, Salford rallied themselves somewhat, but the damage had been done by inadequate

defending and the sheer robustness of the Bulls. The fact that McNamara converted six of Bradford's seven tries from in front of the posts illustrated the ease with which Bradford beat a path down the middle. Salford began the season

well and reached the semifinals of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup, but wear and tear is taking its toll. Next Sunday, they open their world club championship account away to Adelaide. "With tackling as woeful as ours was in the first half, we might as well not get on the plane," Andy Gregory, the Sallord coach, said.

Bradford's unbeaten start to the league campaign has equalled the record of 13 opening wins held jointly by Widnes (1981) and Wigan

(1994). "If anyone is going to take our scalp, they are going to have to work damned hard to get it. We're not going to roll over for anybody," Matthew Ellion, the Bradford coach, said. He was less enamoured by the second period, in which

Hull gain revenge HULL the runaway first division leaders. made Whitehaven pay for being the only side to take a point off them this season, with a

crushing 40-12 win at the Boulevard yesterday. Huli led 34-0 at the break with Tevita Vaikona, the Tongan centre, scoring two tries, and Mark Hewitt, the scrum half, adding a try and five

goals. Further scores came from Matt Schultz, Jason Donohue, Steve Craven and a 90-metre interception try from Chico Jackson.

Watson, Martin, McAvoy and

Smith enabled Salford to out-

score Bradford four tries to

three. Perhaps, though, it was

wise, in the heat, to conserve

energies for the forthcoming

visits to Odsal of the Austral-

asian Super League trio.

Workington, the bottomplaced club, ended a run of six straight defeats with a 24-12 home win over Swinton with Mateaki Mafi, the Tongan winger, scoring two tries on

form. As well as scoring a brace of tries. Bradley played a part in three others. Tomlinson, opposite him at half back, triggered the points rush, streaking clear from 40 metres, and Peacock, easily the best of the new Antipodean imports this year, was always there to put vim into the attack and vigour into the defensive

Bradford's own Australian

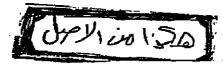
contingent were in impressive

His first try was simplicity itself, but Bradley showed good pace for a man of 33, outstripping Sini in a charge to the line from halfway, Revelling in the room and missed tackles, he took the inside track in setting up the position from which Lowes, the hooker, making his third

contribution to the build-up to the last try of the half, fed the unstoppable Wittenberg-

Faimalo's try from acting half back, in the ninth minute. was Salford's only scoring contribution to the first half. As well as they battled afterwards, further Bradford tries by Lowes, Forshaw and Calland killed off any notion of a comeback.

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At the bottom of the table. the season is still not over for

two teams. I-0 yesterday.

# Maturing team secures World Cup victory over Poland to mark end of coach's apprenticeship Hoddle graduates

with honours as England excel

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT " IN KATOWICE

SOME of the stadium officials had put bottles of beer out on the small wooden table in the room where Glenn Hoddle was expected. One of them had been left unopened for him, more out of courtesy than expectation, but when he appeared, the abstemiousness that seems to have characterised so much of his England reign was gone. He took the bottle, poured it into a glass and began to drain it.

This, more than any other moment during his ninematch tenure as England coach, was no time for halfmeasures or cautious celebrations. As he drank and the whoops and cheers of his departing players echoed through the corridors of the Slaski Stadium, everyone knew that they were witnessing the end of an apprenticeship, the flowering of a new

phase for the national team. It has taken a long time to banish the blithe spirit of Euro 96, mainly because no one wanted to let it go. Its memory, though, and the dynamic leadership of Terry Venables, had always seemed to linger over Hoddle's England team and its prosaic efficiency. Saturday night in Silesia changed all

There was strength and an inspirational resolve in the team that beat Poland and bolstered England's chances of qualifying for the World Cup finals in France next year without having to rely on a two legged play-off with another of the best of the rest. But there was flair, too. There was daring in the selection of Robert Lee and Paul Gas-coigne ahead of David Batty on such hostile territory and an exciting maturity in the performances of the young and relatively inexperienced rearguard of Gary Neville, Gareth Southgate and Sol

Campbell. There was, indeed, a sense of fruition about the match, a feeling that it marked at last the gelling of Hoddle's team national coach. At last, it has allowed everyone to look forward to next summer rather than hark back to the delights

of last summer. "I hope this will get people looking forward." Hoddle said. "There are only two games left for us in the qualifying campaign for the World Cup and that is a sign of how close it is getting. Everybody has got to look to

the future. We should have got Euro 96 out of our veins by now. To behonest. I have never had it



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in my veins anyway because I have been concentrating on the task ahead since I took over. But perhaps it was in some of the players' minds and the public's, too. "In the last couple of weeks, though, for the first time, the

whole squad has had an extended period together, just like they did before the European championship. It is the first time we have experienced that and it has been very important for us. We have been in each

other's pockets and there has been a nice bit of camaraderie between the staff and the players, and everyone else who has been involved. We have put a lot of work into it and it has been very satisfying to see it all pay off."

It paid off quickly, too. The crowd was still baying in the cold night air after Poland's first glimpse of attack when Lee slipped a neat pass to Ince on the edge of the England penalty area and the Inter-



Hoddle: bold selection

nazionale player surged to-wards the halfway line. After all the analysis and the

bemoaning of the fact that England were overly reliant on Gascoigne for creativity, Ince surged between Bukalski defence-splitting pass 30 yards ahead to Shearer. He ran on to it and struck it right-footed unerringly beyond Wozniak.

Six minutes had elapsed. Three minutes later, Gascoigne, who had had no time to impose himself, was caught by a high challenge from Bukalski that left an ugly weal high on his thigh. He struggled on for seven more minutes, leaving Hoddle and his staff in a state of high anxiety on the touchline, before bow ing to the inevitable and

THE international match in

Malta yesterday was intended

to set a small test for an

experimental Scotland de-

fence, but its members made a

messy scrawl of the exam

paper. Craig Brown's side

wice conceded equalisers in

the 3-2 victory and the manager is left to ponder his choice of

centre backs for the important

World Cup qualifying game against Belarus, in Minsk, on

McAllister replaced by David

Weir at the half-time interval,

scoring through Herbert Suda

and Stefan Sultana, a

Brown was concerned pri-

marily by his defence, yet the

forward line, too, can give

cause for anxiety. Jackson has

become a significant asset, but

the brace in Vallena took his

great worth in the verve of his

overall performance, the man-

ager must have wished that he

also possessed a predatory

finisher, given that Malta

satisfactory line-up.

giving way to Batty.

England had a lucky escape after half an hour, when Neville made a rare mistake and allowed a poor Polish pass to run under his foot. Fortunately, Juskowiak, the intended recipient, had turned away in disgust at the inaccuracy of the ball and, by the time that the shouts of the crowd alerted him to what had happened, the chance had

Poland nearly snatched an equaliser three minutes before half-time, when Majak beat Beckham - one of the few England disappointments on the night as he struggled defensively with his wingthrough-ball and slid a pass across England's goal. South-gate hooked it off the line as the Poles hurled themselves towards the ball.

In first-half injury time, though, England should have doubled their advantage. Shearer, who had been outstanding throughout the first 45 minutes, was held after he had controlled Batty's chip into the box and a penalty was awarded. Shearer struck it firmly to the goalkeeper's right, but it rebounded to safety off the foot of the post.

In the second half, the defensive trio — Ince and Le Saux in particular -- fought tirelessly to repel the gathering Polish advances and never allowed them a hint of a clear

When the game had slipped into injury time, Lee played a one-two with Sheringham to breach the offside trap, and when he had rounded Wozniak, he played the ball back to the Tottenham Hotspur striker, who slammed it into the empty net.

the bench, Hoddle hugged his assistant, John Gorman, and in that room below the stand, the officials beer from their box. ENGLAND (3-5-1-1): D Seaman (Arse — G Neville (Manchester United).

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### Evening full of sound and misplaced fury

able Saturday evening in Katowice for supporters of Poland, their spirits finally as damp as the weather. The long weekend, which began with the official public holiday on Thursday. brought their team's elimination from the World Cup and, in a country which is

modernising at a frightening rate in other respects, a continuation of the football hooliganism that, to English eyes, is as dead as the Mexican wave. But, then, the Poles still do that too. An hour or so before kick-

off, a lull in the drizzle and the aroma of pre-match barbecues and the wooded surroundings of the Stadion Slaski had promised better. Inside the ground, however, comfortable. Open-air seating in a climate like Poland's seemed as bad an idea as dressing in a Santa suit and Groucho mask and banging a big drum — luckily the person in question quickly left his seat nearby in search of other people to annoy.

The singing of the national anthem and the usual football songs, but with Polish lyrics, was rousing. The old standby, Guantanamera, becomes "We are with you" - ironic bearing in mind what was to follow - while "Poland, white

Nick Szczepanik reports from Katowice on the disaffection of the home supporters and Polish football's hooligan problem

and red" fits the tune of Go West, although the home side mysteriously turned out in their second-choice of all red once again against England. Hasn't anyone revealed the concept of unlucky kits to

Polish applause for God Save the Queen was an unexpected pleasure, but the crowd made up for it by whistling the announcement of the visiting team so loudly that, as far as I could make out, England would be represented only by Tim Flowers, Paul Scholes and Glenn Hoddle.

Once the game had started,

and Shearer's goal had shut Santa up for all of 30 seconds, it did not take spectators long to start arguing among themselves and criticising the players. "They all got drunk last night" and "they want to walk the ball into the net were typical comments as the home team, ponderous yet brittie, lumbered forward more in

hope than expectation. Even Shearer's penalty miss did not inspire the spectators. Many preferred to discuss the finer points of a half-time skirmish between rival groups of Polish sup porters than the football; it

was disappointing that, with their team only a single goal behind, there was so little attempt to lift the players. Santa left with five minutes to go and, while most crowds

would have been urging their favourites to a last, desperate effort, those in the next enclosure gave in to parochial enmities and started a fight. Perhaps it is a good thing that Poland will not reach the finals; some of their followers have yet to learn the lessons that, one fondly hopes, ours have taken to heart.

Outside afterwards, there were few good words for their

England's performance drew admiring comments. "The England players were more professional," Krzysztof, a Wrocław businessman, said. "They should have scored four. The Poles who play in hopeless and didn't bother. Neville and the others had springs in their feet by

comparison." Arkadiusz, an economics student, agreed. "When Shearer got that pass. he knew what he had to do," he said. "Polish supporters are only interested in fighting and don't know what football is We have to start again from scratch, and we have a long way to go. But good luck to England."

#### Parma earn Champions' League slot

ENRICO CHIESA and Hernan Crespo scored the goals as Parma beat Verona 24 on the final day of the Italian League season to seal second place in Serie A and earn a berth in the European Champions League for the

first time. Internazionale, of Milan had noped to overhaul Parma but instead settled for third place — and a Uefa Cup berth - after a 2<del>-2 dra</del>w at Bologna.

Italy's other three represen-tatives in the Uefa Cup will be Lazio, Sampdoria and Udinese, who secured their first-ever European place by beating Roma 3-0.

Sampdonia drew 1-1 with Fiorentina in what was Roberto Mancini's last game after 15 years with the Genoa club. He and Sven-Goran Eriksson, the coach, will move to Lazio next season.

Darren Jackson's second After going behind in the goal of the afternoon, in the sixth minute at Verona, Par-Sist minute, proved to be the ma equalised through Chiesa winner. He had also found the ll minutes later and then net just before the interval and Crespo, an Argentina interna-Christian Dailly had headed tional, scored their winner in home after four minutes. Malta, all the same, were surprisingly incisive on the break.

title in three years, finished the campaign by drawing 2-2 with Lazio of Rome.

By beating Perugia 2-1, Piacenza carned the right to face Cagliari in a play-off relegation game to determine who will go down with the three other relegated clubs. Perugia, Reggiana and Verona. Cagliari defeated AC Milan, the deposed champions,

## Rangers reach for shooting stars while Brown broods

By Kevin McCarra

have conceded 29 goals in seven World Cup qualifying

There are other Scots who may be in a position to buy, themselves such a figure. The attempt by David Murray, the Rangers chairman, to sign Ronaldo from Barcelona appears to have failed, but the episode has revealed the extraordinary incentives the club can offer as it tries to lure the finest talents.

The Brazil forward still With Colin Hendry, Colin prefers to join Internazionale Calderwood and Alan McLaren all injured, Brown in Milan, but even the most illustrious players may be has been in search of deputies, tempted by the terms availbut the loss of experience could not be disguised in the able from Murray Nonetheless, the chairman made his Ta Oali stadium. With Brian proposal, which was rejected last week, sound pragmatic rather than vainglorious. Bar-Scotland have not yet found a celona would have received a £20 million fee, while Ronaldo was to be paid an annual salary of £2.5 million.

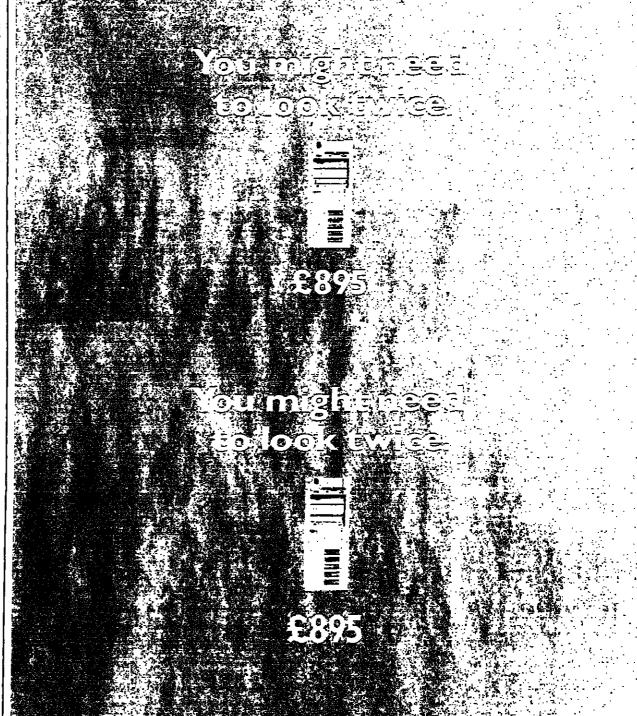
Murray, however, intended to sell the player in 1999 and believes that Ronaldo's value will by then have doubled to £40 million. The forward, having agreed to a transfer, would have been given 25 per cent of the increase in his worth, £5 million. Had the scheme worked, Rangers would have been left with £10 million profit after a total outlay of E30 million to Barcelona and Ronaldo.

In addition, there would have been the benefit of two years of dynamism from the player and, perhaps, improved income from sustained runs in European competition. A vast increase in merchandising might also be anticipated at the club that acquires the Brazilian.

Murray has been unsuccessful on this occasion, but the same logic will see him treat international football magazines, with the exalted forwards they chronicle, as catalogues. For Brown. who can only pick Scotsmen, prolific goalscorers are to be found only in daydreams.



Rangers' bid for Ronaldo showed incentives they can offer





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# Edwards leads counter-revolution

**ALAN LEE** 



Championship Commentary

WHATEVER Essex achieve this season, starting with the need to take two immediate wickets at illord this morning. the one thing that they will not do is surrender a reputation as the county most resistant to change. Some will call them reactionary, others simply responsible, but they are most certainly intransigent and proud of it.

Within the next two months. a blueprint for the future of the game will be put before the counties by the chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). Lord Maclaurin of Knebworth. By definition, it will not propose that everyone continues just as

they are. Lord Maclaurin is sufficiently new to the territory to be uncertain of specific reaction from the shires, but he will have been warned to expect no encouragement from the Essex delegates if, as he should, he ventures into such contentious areas as a two-division championship or the abolition of a competition.

Peter Edwards has been secretary of Essex for 19 years - only Mike Vockins, at Worcestershire, has been in the job longer — and he is principally known for two things. He runs his club with slide-rule efficiency and he is the most vocal objector whenever the shape and routine of the county programme is threatened with reform.

He makes no secret of this. "It's quite true," he said. "I am a traditionalist, like most people involved with Essex. We do resist change. We don't like coloured clothing or any of the noise and clamour that is coming into one-day cricket and I do not think a great deal



Such, the Essex No 11, is put under pressure during the enthralling county championship match against Yorkshire. Photograph: Adrian Sherratt

needs altering in the county structure. I also think most counties agree with us."

Edwards is prepared to accept that the English game, in its broadest form, requires attention, but his targets are deliberately remote from his own domain. "There are three things

put them right, everything else will fall into place. Cricket in schools must be addressed urgently because it is unacceptable that 80 per cent of kids no longer get cricket in their blood as a matter of course. When I was at school you needed a doctor's certificate to avoid playing cricket

the game through it. My fear is that there may be another Denis Compton out there who will never have a bat put in his

"We need another major personality for the youngsters to relate to. The England team has been rather grey of late. We have not really had a fear-

### Hayden made to feel at home

IT IS possible to condemn a pitch for being too bland and there is a good case for doing so at Southampton (Alan Lee writes). A moribund championship game has so far produced 1,180 runs in three days and only 13 wickets. At this rate, it would barely reach a natural conclusion in a week.

All credit to the Hampshire batsmen for climbing the psychological mountain necessary to make 482 against Warwickshire simply to avoid the follow-on. They were led to safety by a double century from their Australian. Matthew Hayden, who has always tended towards the big hundreds once he starts making them, and by the first century of Shaun Udal's career. Barring farcical collusion. however, the match will con-

clude in the most tepid of draws today and it is hard to imagine that anyone has greatly enjoyed either playing in it or watching it.
No such problems at Trent Bridge, where Kent won by an innings, well inside three days. Nottinghamshire had

showing some gumption in doing so, but they are essentially a weak side and Kent exposed them. Durham and Northamp-

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won their previous two games,

tonshire could also be heading for innings defeats. Glamorgan have a tight grip at Cardiff, where Durham, following on, remain 110 runs hehind with six wickets left. Northamptonshire are in still worse trouble against Middlesex, 147 adrift following on four wickets with only

remaining. There have been five wickets so far for Phil Tufnell at Lord's and he was not the only England player in form. At Grace Road, Michael Atherton made his first championship century for two years, leading a determined Lancashire rally against Leicestershire.

He has done so passionate-

ingly, but invariably for what he perceives as the best interests of his county. By way of example, he agreed to Sussex's innovative proposal to start their championship game with Essex this month later in the day but insisted on a 7.30pm finish rather than 8.30pm. "With the minimumovers rule we could still have been playing after nine o'clock and I don't think most spectators want that," he said.

since Botham, but I think we may just have found one in Adam Hollioake.

"Finally, of course, we need a better England team, and there are many different views of how we should achieve that." Including, as Edwards knows, changes of the type that he is intent on vetoing. Two divisions? "It would be

a disaster." Regional representative games? There would be no crowds -- no one would be interested, including sponsors." The dropping of a one-day competition? "I could not support that. I think the Benson and Hedges Cup, for instance, is a tremendous competition.

Owlish behind his spectacles and as thick-skinned as he is strident, Edwards may be considered a dinosaur, clinging to the past in a game that must now move into the fast lane to survive. Undoubtedly, he has co-ordinated and articulated opposition to the majority of attempts to streamline the county programme.

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Edwards is voluble on the rights of county members and battles to stage cricket when he thinks it is best for them and his sponsors. No conversation with him will proceed for long without mention of the sponsors. But call him short-sighted or outdated and the counter-evidence will be presented. When a ballot was held among the counties last year to elect their three representatives on the management

committee of the ECB, Edwards finished top. He is seen, especially by those at smaller counties that do not stage Test cricket, as their defender of the He says that he will support

any plan to stage the county championship as an entirely midweek competition, so long as the number of games is not reduced and the teams are not in any way divided. He is willing to accept one-day leagues on both days of the weekend. "It just depends how it is presented to the clubs," he said. "When the Murray report came out a few seasons back it was pushed through on an all-or-nothing basis. I

thrown out, and I was right." Lord Maclaurin has invested much time and attention in his blueprint. Reforming county championship cricket is his priority, and rightly so, but he may rest assured that, if he intends something more radical than these cosmetic changes, he is in for a fight.

# Johnson sows the seeds of recovery

Richard Hobson talks to a captain who has had more to worry about than most

Tew county cricketers of the present genera-tion have given as much pleasure as Paul Johnson. Not even the stoniest face can remain straight for long when he has a bat in his grip and begins to wield it pugnaciously. It is appropriate, then, that after a difficult introduction to both fatherhood and captaincy. Johnson no longer has to consider a smile of his own a

In his first season since accepting the baton of leadership from Tim Robinson. Johnson supervised Nottinghamshire to just a single championship win and failed himself to reach 1,000 first-class runs for the second successive summer. A natural worrier.

the health of his daughter, Ruth, who has Down's syndrome and also underwent emergency heart surgery. compounded uncertainty. Jackie, his wife, was pregnant for a second time.

Kent's victory at Trent Bridge on Saturday, achieved with a day to spare, added credence to Johnson's wise words of the previous evening, when he opined that championship

victories over Lancashire and Derbyshire did not amount to a resurgence. Yet he has reason to believe that the seeds of a recovery have taken root. Back at his home in Long Bennington. Ruth has celebrated her second birthday, emerged through the chill of winter bigger and stronger, and is enjoying the company of her sister, Eve, eight months. Johnson, who has become

involved in fund-raising for a Down's charity, said: "When I get to the ground it is a lot easier to switch on to cricket knowing that things are ali right with Kuth. She is never going to be the most healthy of girls. At the moment she has a cold and it is more of a problem to her than it would be for other children of the same age, but the more I live with her. the more I learn the best way to go about things."

He intends to express more of his own personality over the coming months. Whereas last season he gravitated naturally towards his own contemporaries, this time he is more prepared to give youth its head. Clive Rice, a towering influence, first selected Johnson at 16. after all, and, in Usman Afzaal, Nottinghamshire may at last have discovered somebody to anchor the innings when Robinson

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eventually retires. "I strongly believe that a captain is as good as the rest of the team allows," Johnson said. "Everybody goes on about James Whitaker [the Leicestershire captain but last season, he had a lot of luck with players staying fit and only had to

use 13 for the entire championship. I am not belittling what he did but he is not a Brearley or a Reeve. It was his first year, too, and things went for him that did not go for me.

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> periment. When things work, people say my captaincy has improved." Given the way he bats, it should surprise nobody that even with his problems last season he excelled in the Sunday league, in which Nottinghamshire finished second, level on points with Surrey, the winners. Had England been as adventurous in selecting one-day sides in the past as they are today it is inconceivable that Johnson would not have

been picked at some stage. His best chance of elevation followed a successful A tour of the West Indies in 1992. "Keith Fletcher [the said he thought I had a role to play for England for several years, but for some reason it did not happen." Johnson said. "It is something I try not to think about. There have been more important reasons to

#### SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship Essex v Yorkshire

ILFORD (third day of loss) Yorkshire, with two second-immigs wickels in hand, require six runs to beat Essen ESSEX: First Innings 297 (R J Rollins 60, D Gough 5 for 74)

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Glamorgan v Durham CARDIFF (third day of four) Dumain, with six second-imings wickets in hand, need 110 runs to word an immas defoul against GLAMORGAN: First Innings 597 for 8 dec (S.P. James, 153, H.Morns, 135, M.P.Maynard, 134 not out, A.Dale 73)

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Hampshire v Warwickshire SOUTHAMPTON (third day of four). Hamp-shire, with four finit-mining: widels in hand are 82 runs behind Warwick-hire. WARMICKSHIRE: First hangs 631 for 7 doc (A J Moles 168, D L Hermp 138, T L Punney 86 not out, N V knight 81, G Welch 75)

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\*M A Alberton not out if P Crawley (bw b Parsons Evtras (b 7, mb 12) Total (2 wkts) .... FALL OF WICKETS 1-169, 2-379 BOWLING Milite 8-3-32-0 Multidly 8-3-26-0 Parsons 20-3-52-2: Presson 26-3-91-0; Well: 3-0-17-0, Johnson 8-0-25-0; Maddy 5-0-29-0

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Somerser WORCESTERSHIRE: First Immings 303 (T S Curlis 101, G R Haynes 70; A R Caddick 5 for 64)

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# Butcher to make England debut in Edgbaston Test

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

THE twin principles of youth and continuity are promoted in England's selection for the first Ashes Test. Mark Butcher will make his debut after looking the most accom-plished batsman on England's winter A tour and Alex Tudor. the most exciting young last bowler in the land, will be introduced to the routines of Test cricket by joining the party during their preparation at Edgbaston.

Faith is quite properly shown in the men who won England's last two Tests in New Zealand - nine of them return for duty against Australia this week. But there is a more romantic return, too, one that for some while seemed implausible. Devon Malcolm is back and unless the Edgbaston pitch undergoes a metamorphosis before Thurs-

day, he will certainly play. There were 14 names on the teamsheet yesterday morning, though it is stressed that Tudor is included for experience and will not play. David Gravency, the chairman of selectors, explained: "He will join the team as part of our ongoing commitment to identify young players and get them involved. Even a single day with the squad can be valuable to him.

The second teenager named by England this summer, Tudor will be freed to join the first, Ben Hollioake, in Surrey's championship team on Wednesday. By then, it is anticipated that the England squad will have been pruned to 12, probably with the release of a spin bowler.

The notion that the younger Hollioake would feature in the Test team was unrealistic. His batting is too innocent and his bowling, though rich in promise, is some way behind a queue of competitors. The accusation of such as Dennis Lillee and Geoffrey Boycott that the selectors have lost their nerve misses the point entirely: they actually deserve: credit for picking and playing him in the Texaco Trophy. Elder brother Adam, however, does make his first appearance in a Test squad. which at least saves the selectors from greater public ire.

There is no guarantee he will play, ahead of Mark Ealham, but, if the pitch indicates the usual Edgbaston traits of uneven bounce and lateral movement - in other words, suggests the Test may not run its course - he will bat at No 7 and act as an occasional, fifth Unless his bowling becomes

Hollioake Sr must find a way into the top six to establish his Test career. He is capable of doing so but, after the comparative success of those who occupied this department in the winter, it is right that they receive initial loyalty.

something more than a bonus.

The one batsman treated

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differently is Nick Knight. A broken finger delayed the start of his season and he has since looked technically vulnerable around off stump. He was not left out without the longest meeting in Peterborough, but it is right that he should rediscover his touch in county

Hugh Morris and Steve James, the Glamorgan openers, were considered as replacements but Butcher. 24, won the vote. He impressed two of the selectors. David Gravency and Mike Gatting, when they were respectively manager and coach of the A team, and his graduation is fully deserved. He has an economical yet stylish technique and the gift of all high quality players, time to play

his shots. He is also lefthanded, which was considered useful

The son of Alan Butcher, he also the brother-in-law of Alec Stewart and it was appropriate that his inclusion prevented any prospect of Stewart being asked once more to open, in addition to keeping wicket. After years as a nomad in the team, Stewart is comfortable at No 3 and he should

be moved only as a last resort. With Robert Croft now an automatic choice, there was some debate over the second slow bowling position. Ashley Giles, who featured in the oneday series, and Peter Such, who has taken II wickets in Essex's match against Yorkshire, were both considered but Philip Tufnell did little -wrong in the winter and deserves preference.

Graveney, a fellow slow leftarmer, went to see Tufnell on Friday, watched him take wickets and encouraged him to continue taking them by attacking batsmen from round the wicket. "The captain felt comfortable in the winter with two spinners to give him control and we take that view on board," Graveney said.

Just for this match, however. Tufnell looks likely to miss out. Darren Gough and Andy Caddick were certainties for two of the seam bowling places and the third, contested by a variety of left-arm contenders, has been decisively claimed by Malcolm's prolific wicket-taking in the past

He was prevented from taking any more this weekend when Graveney made a late request to Derbyshire to omit him from their game against the Australians. It was a justifiable intervention, for it would clearly not have been in England's interests for Malcolm to play, but the timing of it angered the Derbyshire captain, Dean Jones.

Upsetting an Australian however, was not the greatest of concerns for the selectors. They hope to upset a few more

# Gough bounces back onto higher plane

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Simon Barnes finds

hope springing

eternal on the eve

of a new Ashes series t is not entirely true that

anticipation is a deeper pleasure than consum mation, but it is certainly a more reliable one. Especially where the England cricket team is concerned. So let us savour the moment as the Ashes series begins in earnest this week. Australia appear half as good as we feared. England twice as good as we

That still leaves scope for a fair old gap. Remember that the teams started the year almost as far apart as it is possible to be. The Grand Canyon gap is, though, a touch narrower than seemed the case in January. We can look at the batting form of the troubled Australia captain Mark Taylor and measure it against the bowling form of England's bouncing Darren Gough.

You will remember Gough. He was the New Botham Mk XIII. I think I have got my counting right. Yet another Great England Hope, who stole every headline in English cricket and then vanished in a trice to the Where Are They Now? column.

Interestingly, as Gough charged in for Yorkshire against Essex at Ilford on Saturday, the place seemed to be filled with new Bothams. There was Ronnie Irani, of Essex. compiling a well thought-out century; there was Craig White, favoured boy of the former chairman, Ray Illingworth, willing as ever and still a shade below

Still, at least White had a wicket: Gough finished the innings with nought for 78. He took five wickets in the first innings, though, and is said, after a triumphant performance against Australia in the one-day internationals. to be in the form of his life. He did not seem quite that

beneath the swift-screaming skies of Valentine's Park. being unable either to dislodge Irani or to knock over nine-ten-jack. But never mind the figures: I watched Gough closely and can report the important fact that he bounced.

Gough is a man who needs



Gough suffers the frustrations of an unrewarding day's work on Saturday

to bounce. He made his entry to Test cricket with a series of magnificently bouncy performances. Bowling, batting everything — was a delight to him, and he reached his peak in Australia in a Test match in Sydney in January 1995, when he followed a gorgeous, whacking fifty by running through the Australian

top order with six for 49. Then followed a sad story how Tigger was unbounced. Gough had seemed a wonderfully uncomplicated cricketer, a wonderfully un-

long after his moment of triumph, Gough was filled with self-doubt. The truth is that uncomplicated people are bewilderingly complex. In England we tend to

blame our national zeitgeist when these things happen: how we build 'em up only to knock em down; must be something wrong with the country, the way we do this. Why can't we be like Australia, where they know how to nurture young talent?

Australians have precisely the same problem, however. complicated person, but not. They call it the Tall Poppy

Syndrome: a plant that grows taller than those around it must be chopped down, ostensibly for the plant's own good, in reality because me-

diocrity - beg your pardon,

equality - is a more comfort-

able concept. Both countries go in for a fair amount of chest-bearing when a young man falters on route to great things, but the truth of the matter is that young men do not need pushing towards self-doubt, failure and fear. They are perfectly capable of finding these things for themselves.

One might go even further. and say that no young man reaches maturity without meeting doubt and fear on the way. Those who are worth anything, anyway, No one could forget Botham's walk back to the pavilion at Lord's after completing his pair as England captain, nor his red-eyed announcement of his resignation.

With Gough, the story of doubt begins with the familiar one of physical wear and tear. Fast bowling is an extreme athletic discipline: it is the nature of the England system to make its practitioners do it far too often. Gough's utterly predictable run-of-the-mill kind. The foot cracked heneath him in his delivery stride - a terrifying moment a terrifying sound. The audible snap brought Gough to the floor wondering if he would ever bowl

hen came the long process of rehabiliation, and with it the curse of good advice. The more shattered a state you are in, the more you listen to advice, the less faith you have in your own solutions. Gough had lost not technique, but that crucial innerfaith. He had been un-

The fault was not with the advisers but with the listener. He needed to break the cycle of advice and its failure and did so with the help of Shane Warne, of all people. Warne sent him a fax that reached him when he had reached an all-time low. It told him: "Be natural, be yourself."

There are times when a kindly-meant cliché means more than every line in Shakespeare. Such a cliché. from such a source, helped Gough to recover that innerfaith, that bounce. Relying on kind advice is all very well. but ultimately it is funking the real issue. Which is yourself.

A bouncing Gough has a precious talismanic quality, his delight in the game and his relish for the impossible are wonderfully inspiring. A bouncing Gough means that Australia will be playing against the best that England can come up with. Though it could be rehabiliated as well. Perhaps Warne could send him a fax, too.

# Adams' tantrum overshadows heartening display by Taylor

DERBY (second day of three): the Australians, with eight second-innings wickets in harid, are 253 runs ahead of

DEVON MALCOLM held court at the Racecourse Ground and spoke of what he has in mind for the Australia batsmen in the first Test. "Nobody," he insisted softly, "likes fast bowling." Be that as it may, Mark Taylor will combat him and England this week in greater heart, for he is, at last, making some runs.

Taylor's unbeaten half-century against Derbyshire yesterday was only his third in first-class cricket in a year and a half, and it was not exactly a fluent innings.

His first scoring shot was edged just wide of second slip and he was dropped without addition by of all people. Dean Jones, a colleague in rosier times:

Yet the captain batted for longer than he has in any innings on this tour — two hours 48 minutes — and his cover drives increasingly found the gaps after tea, bringing him several of his nine fours. If cricket really is played in the mind, his will have been far less cluttered last night.

SATURDAY IN THE



1987 and a former editor of Wisden, selects the best players in the history of the game



Dean Jones drops Mark Taylor with the Australia captain on two yesterday

It would be nice to think that Taylor's return to some sort of form overshadowed all else. Alas, the manner in which Chris Adams disputed his dismissal earlier in an eventful day was perturbing. Television replays showed that he had hit the ball, not with the edge of his bat but off the middle, when given out legbefore to Warne. The umpire, Vanburn Holder, was at fault and so were the Australians for the vociferous appealing. But that was not the point.

When he was at Repton, a school so renowned for its cricketing traditions that the great Sir Leonard Hutton sent his sons there, Adams would have been told, time after time,

AUSTRALIANS: First traings

S.K. Warne, A.J. Bichel and J.N. Glasspie and not bed.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-16, 3-147,

PCMLING: Defreits 14-2-61-3: Hams BOWLING: Defreits 14-2-61-3: Hams 16-2-70-1: Dear 16-1-76-1: Aldred 12-3-26-0; Clarks 60-45-0; Blackwell 15-1-57-1; Jones 4-0-20-0.

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M G Bayan b DeFretas
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Total (6 wids dec) ...

that a batsman has to accept the decision of the umpire. Instead, he argued first with Holder and then with the Australians, gesturing at them with his bat and then his fist

when he did mooch off. "I thought the ball hit his pad first and then his bat," Holder said. "Chris's reaction disappointed me and he has not apologised yet. Players have to accept umpires' decisions and sometimes we get them wrong. It will be mentioned in my match report."

Adams came close to being selected for the one-day internationals last month. He will find now that this kind of incident will not be forgotten easily.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-35

BOWLING: DeFreitas 10-3-31-0; Hatris 12-3-31-1; Stackwell 1-0-8-0; Dean 7-0-25-1; Aldred 8-1-30-0; Rollins 2-0-12-0. Clarks 4-1-8-0.

DEABYSHIRE: First Innings

Total (9 wids dec) \_\_\_\_\_\_257
FALL OF WICKETS 1-55, 2-77, 3-114, 4-158, 5-168, 6-168, 7-199, 8-204, 9-206.

BOWLING: Bichel 5-1-28-0; Julian 20-6-68-3; Gillesple 17-3-62-2; Warne 14-3-45-2; Beven 9-4-21-2.

Umpres: V A Holder and R A White.

DERBY SCOREBOARD

The likelihood is that Der byshire have already disci-plined Adams. The chairman, cricket committee chairman secretary, coach and captain met last night and told him of their decision. This will not be released until today, presumably because the club wishes first to discuss the incident with the England and Wales Cricket Board.

The rest of the day's play passed peaceably enough. Of Derbyshire's innings. May, a chunky opener from Chesterfield, made 67, his highest score, in his fourth match. Unafraid to attempt to hook the fast bowlers, he struck II fours. When on 57, he was dropped in somewhat comic circumstances when Blewett misjudged a swirling skier. And there was a fascinating period of play when Warne deployed numerous tricks against his compatriot, Jones. The Derbyshire captain

losing his wicket when yards out of his ground. Julian and Gillespie did not care for the slow pitch and a wind so strong that the bails had to be removed at one end, but they still collected five

looked to use his feet to him at

every opportunity, eventually

wickets between them. Among these was Black-well, a left hander making his debut. He, too, is from Chesterfield. Who says this county does not produce its own cricketers?

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# Gallian's change of direction puts leaders on course

LEICESTER (Leicestershire won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Leicestershire by five

LANCASHIRE have started the season showing their customary disdain for the hard grind of championship cricket. but in the shorter game they remain the team to beat. This was an excellent victory, achieved against the clock after the loss of three early wickets, and they remain unbeaten after five rounds of the Axa Life League.

The man who led them home was Jason Gallian, who normally opens the innings but who dropped a place in the order yesterday to accommodate Michael Atherton. Gallian, who made 99 in the championship match on Saturday, recorded his second successive Sunday hundred as Lancashire prevailed with eight balls to spare.

When Gordon Parsons removed Atherton and John Crawley in the tenth over, to sniff a hat-trick that Graham Lloyd denied him, Lancashire were in trouble at 50 for three. This, though, is a side that bats long and deep, and knows how to win games from unpromising positions. Gallian added 78 in 12 overs with Lloyd, and another 128 in 17 overs with Neil Fairbrother. who reached an unbeaten half-century of admirable re-

The game ended in a most peculiar manner as Neil Johnson, the South African allrounder, was no-balled by Barrie Leadbeater. The two runs took Lancashire to their target of 259 but Johnson bowled another ball before Fairbrother, who played it,

By RICHARD HOBSON

TRENT BRIDGE (Nottingham-

A COMMANDING half-century

by Matthew Walker was eclipsed by

an innings of even greater belliger-

ence from Graham Cowdrey. who

tore a hamstring in the process, as

Kent continued their emphatic start

They have lost just one of their

first 11 fixtures and their total of 252

for seven was never in peril yester-

day once Julian Thompson removed

the off stump of Paul Johnson, just

three overs into the Nottingham-

The home side were more than

usually compliant in their own

downfall, dropping six catches,

including Cowdrey three times dur-

PONTYPRIDD (Glamorgan

won toss): Glamorgan (4pts)

IT HARDLY seems fair to

describe David Boon as any-

one's rabbit but the Durham

captain must be sick of the

sight of Waqar Younis, who

dismissed him for the third

time in three days during yesterday's Axa Life League

After removing him twice in

the county championship

game, which concludes today,

Waqar completed his "hat-

trick" when Boon, trying to

work the ball through the leg

side, was trapped in front of

his stumps in the fifth over of the match. With John Morris

already back in the pavilion,

caught behind in Waqar's first

over, Durham were always

struggling to post a competi-

ground.

tive target on this small

They were restricted by

some accurate Glamorgan

bowling and some fine field-

ing. notably from Adrian Dale

on the boundary and Matthew

game at Pontypridd.

beat Durham by six wickets

**Boon finishes second** 

in duel with Wagar

By Barney Spender

shire reply.

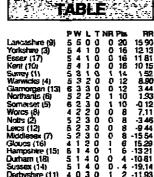
to the season in one-day cricket.

Nottinghamshire by 46 runs

By Michael Henderson

match had finished. Until then they had not realised.

Gallian just missed carrying his team home. He drove a return catch to Johnson the over before, to end a sequence that has brought him 259 runs in his past three Sunday innings. He made 101 not out. his maiden Sunday hundred. against Northamptonshire last week, and the week before he took an unbeaten 54 off Nottinghamshire. A batsman previously known for staunchness (a bit one-paced, if you prefer), he has suddenly become Billy Whizz.



He played very well here, driving handsomely and powerfully down the ground, and quick to pick up anything on his legs. He faced 100 balls, hit ten of them for four and whacked a full toss from Brimson for six. Nixon might have caught him down the legside when he was 60, and that miss summarised a poor fielding performance by

Lloyd only made 38 but it was his eagerness to engage in the fight as soon as he came in

Cowdrey blows hot for Kent

confirmed that they would be

Life League, from June 26, when

they play Surrey under floodlights

at the Oval, it became easy to

consider that if Robin Hood's merry

men had adopted such a slovenly

approach to life outdoors, then the

local legend would never have been

Five days earlier, Walker had

taken the gold award for his 117 in

the Benson and Hedges Cup win

against Warwickshire. Here again,

he gave the innings an early

impetus as he reached fifty in the

Oram checked the flow of runs,

removing Fleming and then having

Walker dropped from his first two

deliveries but Walker progressed to

78 from 65 balls, with nine fours and

twelfth over.

Maynard, who took three

catches, two of them quite

In the end they scrambled to

183 for eight thanks to Nick

Speak, who made an unbeaten

74. It could hardly be

described as a memorable

one-day innings, but then

Speak is not a roistering kind

of batsman, although he did

outstanding.

No sooner had Brimson, the left-arm spinner, come on, than he reverse-pulled him for two boundaries and swept another more conventionally. He perished seeking another reverse sweep but he had established the momentum that carried Gallian and Fairbrother forward.

Lloyd was not the only man to perish in the act of the reverse sweep. Johnson had got the Leicestershire innings off to a flying start but when he tried to lap Yates, the off spinner, he found Fairbrother at backward point.

That catch compensated for an absolute howler the previous over by Mike Watkinson, who took his place in the side after recovering from an arm injury that continues to keep him out of the championship side. Johnson hit Chapple to mid-off where Watkinson, who has an unterly dependable pair of hands, contrived to put down the most simple chance he has been offered in his life.

There was another curio shortly afterwards, when Warren Hegg accomplished a smart legside stumping off a wide. Vince Wells had not quite anchored his left foot, unbalanced as he was by the drift of Gallian's ball, but it was only through Roy Palmer's use of the third umpire that he lost his wicket. On other grounds, where umpires had no recourse to television equipment, the batsman would have survived.

Leicestershire owed their total of 258 for five to Whitaker and Maddy. The pair added 144 in 19 overs and Maddy, whose 85 came from 70 balls, looked an impressive player. He fielded well, too, which is more than can be said

Just 24 were taken from the next

spinner, removed Llong. Ward and

Ŵells, Yet, if Notts felt that they

could remain in the ascendency

then Cowdrey proved them brutally

He added 58 in eight overs with

Ealham and merely grew in author-

ity after the dismissal of his partner.

Dropped by Johnson on 12 and Evans on 31, he stroked the latter

over cover and pulled Tolley for six

to pass fifty and, after suffering his

injury as he stretched to complete a

run, proved sufficiently mobile to

strike two further sixes, as his

15 balls and the only consolation for

Nottinghamshire was a maiden

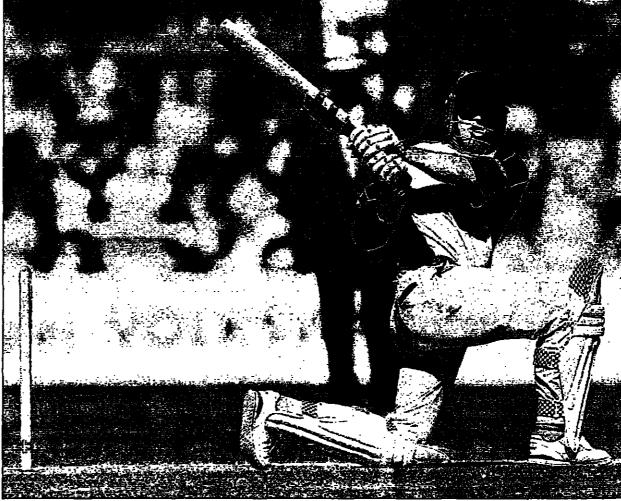
one-day fifty by Gie.

In all, 43 runs came from the last

runner looked on in admiration.

ing his unbeaten 81 from 43 balls. a six, before pulling Evans to Tolley

Indeed, on the day when Notts at deep square-leg.



Sweeping statement: Hayden confirms his mastery over the Warwickshire bowlers with a majestic six off Smith

# Knight driven to distraction

CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHAMPTON (Warwickshire won toss): Hampshire (4pts) beat Warwickshire by 14

HAMPSHIRE completed a thoroughly miserable day for Nick Knight, the Warwickshire captain, at Southampton yesterday as they ended a dismal record of 26 matches without a victory against county opposition in all competitions since August 12 last

An early-morning tele-phone call from David Graveney, the chairman of the England selectors, informing Knight that he would not be required for the Edgbaston Test this week got his day off to a gloomy start.

discuss being dropped after eight consecutive Tests and his body language during Hampshire's innings suggested that his thoughts often strayed from this Axa Life League

Knight again led Warwickshire in the absence of the injured Tim Munton, but they appeared to be on auto-pilot

ously donated 30 extras. None of that should detract

By Pat Gleson

LORD'S (Northamptonshire won

THE wind whistling through the gap between the Compton and Edrich stands was fierce enough to

whip off the bails repeatedly, rip up

the matting protecting the Test

pitch and even bring down the ceiling just outside the press box.

but that does not explain why the

Middlesex batting should have been blown away like it was

Their bowlers had stood up to the

battering well enough, containing

Northamptonshire to a far from

intimidating 198 for seven, yet,

inside eight overs, their innings

was a broken reed, mown down by

Taylor, launching his left-arm

vesterday.

beat Middlesex by 67 runs

find his feet in county cricket after a conspicuously slow start to the season. On Saturday he completed a

hander, who is beginning to

county championship and, although he must have been exhausted after being on the field throughout the first three days of that contest, he showed

who made 67, and was able to pull and drive with confidence on the flattest of pitches. He struck 13 fours and three sixes, including one off Glad-

stone Small that struck the roof of a house on the opposite side of Northlands Road. He was in full flow when he was unluckily run out backing

class century on Saturday, as career-best 235 not out in the he reached a valuable halfcentury in the last over, then took two important wickets. Warwickshire were briefly encouraged by a belligerent 52

from Neil Smith, although he was given three lives. Knight tamely clipped James Bovill to mid-on for 22 and Warwickshire slipped to 88 for 4 before Dominic Ostler (70) and Trevor Penney (31)

staged a partial recovery with

Udal also proved a thorn in Warwickshire's side, having

completed his maiden first-

a swashbuckling stand of 96 for the fifth wicket. The task of scoring 92 in the last ten overs proved beyond Warwickshire, despite a late flurry of sixes from Giles in his half-century. Bovill finished with Sunday-best figures of

#### Vaughan and Byas quick to put Essex to the sword

BY SIMON WILDE

ILFORD (Essex won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Essex by

A BLAZING opening parmership of 146 in a mere 17 overs between David Byas and Michael Vaughan made Yorkshire's task of surpassing Essex's 262 for nine as straightforward as they could have reasonably hoped. They won with 20 balls to spare and match between the sides, i was a contest almost devoid of excitement. disappointingly for a capacity crowd of 6,000.

Vaughan, who scored 66 from 57 balls to add to his century here last week, got Yorkshire off to a flying start with a fusillade of strokes against the new-ball pair of Hott and Cowan, Cowan, who is in the thoughts of the England selectors, did not bowl badly, but was attacked so ruthlessly that he was withdrawn after bowling three overs for 28.

Byas caught the mood, being instrumental in Such's first three overs costing 31, and went on effortlessly to finish with 72 from 48 balls. Byas struck Such and Stuart Law for sixes and he also hit six fours: Vaughan hit six fours during a partnership that ran the Essex fielders ragged.

The only time Essex threatened to come back into the match was When Irani, who bowled his eight overs straight through with fire and passion, dismissed Hartley and Blakey in the same nine-ball over in which Parker also ran himself out Irani had earlier dismissed Vaughan and taken a fine catch to remove Byas. -

At 190 for five, Yorkshire were in theoretical danger of running out of wickets, but never overs. In the event, sensible batting from Lehmann, who also made a halfcentury. White and Gough ensured Essex suffered their first league defeat of the season.

Essex failed to make sufficient runs for the fast-scoring conditions. Although everyone made a start - the top nine all reached double figures - no score or provide the innings with continuity. Law topscored with 47 from 34 balls and gave his side an encouragingly bright start, he and Robinson kicking off with 73 in 12 overs.

It was a tempo Essex maintained but never improved upon and it their progress was too sedate. The best of the later batting came from Irani, with 36 from 33 balls, and Rollins, 32 from 25. Gough's pace apart, Yorkshire's bowling was nothing out of the ordinary, but they had the depth of resources — they used seven bowlers — to cover their

#### for long periods as Knight allowed Dougie Brown, his most economical bowler, only no sign of flagging yesterday. Hayden shared an opening stand of 185 in only 29 overs with the positive Giles White.

There was an unusual air of apathy about Warwickshire's out-cricket as they put down five important catches - although there were mitigating circumstances in an awkward, swirling wind - and gener-

from a splendid 118 from Matthew Hayden, Hamp-

up when a drive from Sean Udal was deflected onto the

Follett puts wind up Middlesex swing into the gusts, and Follett, the ever faithful Brown gave him

> Kallis had already been struck painfully on the right elbow by Taylor when he played on trying to force him off the back foot, and Weekes was beaten and bowled by the sheer pace of a full toss from Follett. Ramprakash was then legbefore to Taylor and Gatting went

had taken 23 wickets at 19 runs apiece in his four championship matches last season. At 21 for four, Middlesex were doomed, although Pooley put a brave face on their plight by making 55 off 61 balls, including

four fours and a six over the short

boundary on the Tavern side, and

G R Cowdray not out .... P A Strang run out ...... \*1'S A Marsh not out . Extrao (b 1. lb 4 w 6)

Total (7 wids, 40 overs)

M J McCague and J B D Thompson and not

bat FALL OF WICKETS, 1-46, 2-112, 3-120, 4-134, 5-136, 6-194, 7-209 BOWLING Tolley 6-0-50-1, Evans 8-0-66-1, Oram 8-0-36-1, Bowen 5-0-38-0; Bates 8-0-33-3; Dowman 5-0-24-0

NOTTINGHAMSHIFIE

A R Oram dd not bet. FALL: OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-11, 3-29, 4-86, 5-87, 6-136, 7-163, 8-180, 9-206

BOWLING. Thompson 8-0-23-2; Ealheim 5-1-17-1; Strang 8-0-29-1; McCogue 4-0-18-1, Fleming 8-0-60-2; Llong 7-0-49-0

Worcestershire v Somerset

Umpires: A Clarkson and N T Plews

M P Dowman to Thompson ... A A Metcafe c Llong b Eathern "P Johnson to Thompson ... G F Archer to Strang ...

N A Ges not out
C M Tolkey how b McCague
TW M Noon c Llong b Florning
K P Evans run out
R T Bases c Wells b Florning
M N Bowern run out
Edwas (b 10, w 5, nb 6)

Total (9 wids, 40 overs)

the same way to Follett, giving

Middlesex further cause to regret

his decision to leave them after he

racing in from the Nursery End as determined support in a fifththough he had a tornado behind wicket stand of 55.

Brown caught behind and Pooley leg-before, and Curran went on to bowl Moffat and have Dutch caught at cover to finish with four for 36 as Middlesex subsided to defeat. That completed another satisfying day's work for the enduring Curran. All those bright young things on the Northamptonshire staff are going to have to fight to displace him. He gave their innings its only real impetus with 66 off 68 balls, including seven fours. His only decent support came

from Penberthy, who went in first and stayed to make 55 off 88 balls with only three boundaries. He and Curran put on 93 in 16 overs, but after that the batting, and the match, went into steep decline.

# Hick finds form with

By DEREK HODGSON

WORCESTER (Worcester- on a day when, for the first

ONE man attuned to the

Not that the innings was a

Fifty came off 52 balls and

think he has found it quite

"He started to get into what people would call a bad patch. Suddenly a batsman loses confidence and something like this innings is probably the

Test of the summer.

in England's 12 for the first

On a straw-coloured pitch

with an outfield like green

marble, it was always going to

be a glorious first of June for

batsmen. With Mushtag rest-

ed, only Caddick was able to

put any brake upon Worces-

tershire ambitions. After

being struck for four by

Moody, he fired the next ball

into the block hole and the

Australian failed to get his bat

Haynes, with 48 off 54 balls

and Leatherdale kept up the

impetus and once Hick had

moved into top gear Somerset

suffered, their bowling not best supported by some scuf-

fling ground fielding that will

have brought hard words

A target of 263 was attain-

able in these conditions but

Somerset's cause was not

helped by the departure of

Burns, the pinch hitter, in the

fourth over, when trying to

steer Haynes for third man.

Worse followed when

Lathwell, playing off his legs,

was sent back by Turner and

was stranded in the middle of

the pitch to leave them 27 for

down in time.

from the coach.

time in seven seasons, his name was not amongst those

David Houghton, his coun-

ideal remedy."

Hick's eventual 119 not out

# predictable timing

shire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Somerset by

moods of New Road predicted: 'Hick will get 100 today." The inference was that the deposed England batsman would not let a Test selection pass by without comment. The century duly arrived, off 82 balls, his first score over 50 in competitive cricket this summer.

sudden glorious burst of form. Hick began hesitantly, almost timidly, as though the power house had become a hollow shell. Only 12 runs came in six overs before Kerr over-pitched and the ball fell majestically into the lower seating of the pavillion.

hard going this summer. "He was desperate for runs

to get back in the England side, perhaps a little bit too desperate instead of being nice

included six sixes and six fours at 152, the game was up.

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Essex v Yorkshire LFORD (Essex won toss). Yorkshire (4pts best Essex by four wiskets

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A P Grayson c White b Vaughan
S D Peleas c Stellar, b Vaughan
D R Law b Glough
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18 C Ret a Martial b County

break free to hammer Croft for a straight six to raise his 50. The Glamorgan reply began with a blaze of strokes from Croft, revelling in his role as pinch-hitter. He tore into the bowlers, particularly Saggers, who conceded a sin-

gle in his first over and 36 from his next three. Croft and Hugh Morris raised 50 in the seventh over and took the score to 79 in the eleventh before both fell in successive overs from Simon

Maynard and Dale, victim of a silly run out. also departed before an unbroken partnership of 64 between Cottey and James took the Welsh county home with 9.1 overs to spare.

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Total (6 wkts, 36 5 overs) .... G M Hamilton, C E W Söverwood and R D Slemp did not bat FALL OF WICKETS 1-146, 2-148, 3-186, 4-169, 5-190, 6-234. BOWLING Bott 8-0-37-0, Cowan 7.5-0-61-0, Such 3-0-31-0, S.G.Law 2-0-23-0, Iran 8-0-54-3, Grayson 8-0-44-2,

Umpres G Sharp and J F Steele. Glamorgan v Durham PONTYPRICO (Glamorgan won toss) Glamorgan (4pts) beat Durham by sin wickers

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\*M P Maynard c Boiling b Foster

P A Core, not cut

SP James not out Extras (fb 6, w 4, nb 4) Total (4 wkts, 30.5 overs) .... FALL OF WICKETS 1-79, 2-82, 3-116 4-120 BOWLING Brown 8-0-43-2, Saggers 7-0-52-0 Walker 6-0-25-0; Focker 4-0-26-1; Boxing 5 5-0-32-0 Umpres: A A Jones and B J Moyer

Hampshire v Warwickshire

G W White c Hemp b Smith M L Haysen run out S D Udal not out A Smith c Welch b Edmand J S Laney run out
S J Renchaw not out
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G Welch e Kendali b Bowli
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M D Edmond e Renshaw b Maru
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Total (39.4 overs) ...... FALL OF WICKETS 1-72 2-76 3-81 4-88 5-184 6-199 7-201 8-215 9-242 BOWUNG Maru 9-0-78-1 Ronshaw 6 4-0-43-1 Bowll 8-0-44-4, Udol 8-0-33-2; James Umpites, J.W. Holder and A.G.T.Whitchead

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Total (5 wids, 40 overs) . .. A R X Pierson G J Parsons, M T Branson and A D Multally did not ball FALL OF WYCKETS 1-57, 2-71, 3-215, 4-323, 5-249 BOWLING: Austin 8-0-54-1 Martin 7-0-31-0: Chappile 8-0-67-1, Yatos 8-0-46-2, Gallian 5-0-24-1; Wathinson 4-0-27-0

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS "M Walkinson c Pierson b Mullafy M A Atherion c Whitaker b Parsons J E R Gallian c and b Johnson ... Dudyd a Nexon b Brimson Feirbrother not out . . Total (5 wkts, 38.4 overs) ...

G Chupple, †W K Hegg, G Yates and P J Martin did not bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-50, 3-50, 4-128 5-256 80WLING Mullely 8-0-44-1, Parsons 8-0-27-2: Johnson 6-4-0-53-1, Bernson 5-0-44-1, Wells 7-0-45-0, Pierson 1-0-11-0, Maddy 20-22-0 Umpires B Leadbeater and R Palmer.

Middlesex v Northamptonshire LORD'S (Northamptonshire won loss): Northamptonshire (4ptc) bear Middlesex by 87 nats

Total (7 wkts, 40 overs) D Follett and J P Taylor did not bat

BOWUNG. Fraser 8-1-28-2: Hewat 8-0-31-2: Weeks 8-0-25-1, Dutch 8-0-46-1; Blanchett 8-0-51-1. MIDDLESEX J H Kallis & Taylor ...... P N Weekos & Follett . \*M R Ramprakash low b T M W Gatting low b Folioti J C Pooley low b Curran K R Brown c Warren b Curren

P Molfat b Curran P Dutch c Snace b Curran Umpires: R Julian and J D Bond

Nottinghamshire v Kent TRENT BRIDGE (Nottinghamshire won toza) Kent (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by 46 runs 

WORCESTERSHIRE GIA Hick not out . ..... GIR Haynes C Trump b Rose D A Leatherdale c Bowler b Caddick W P C Weston not out wip C. weston nor out ... Extras (15 8, w 5, nb 6) . . . Total (4 wkts, 40 overs) .....

K R Spiring, S R Lampit, †S J Rhodes, R J Chapman and A Sheriyar distinct FALL OF WICKETS 1-50, 2-54, 3-152, 4-204 BOWLING: Rosp 8-1-38-1, Paraons 6-0-31-0; Caddick 8-0-45-2, Yorr 8-0-63-1; Burns 3-0-24-0; Trump 7-0-55-0 SOMERSET

M N Lathwell run out M Burns c Phodes b Haynes . . tR J Turner run out . G D Rose c Shodes to Lampitt . Total (32.2 ovors) ..... 177 FALL OF WICKETS 1-17, 2-27, 3-73, 4-93, 5-152, 6-155, 7-168, 6-176, 9-176 80WLING: Chapman 5-0-30-0, Haynes 7-0-29-2, Lampiti 8-0-32-2; Sheriyar 6-0-36 1, Hick 3-0-25-0, Leatherdale 3-2-0-22-0

when Trump offered some optimistic off-spin, he was dispatched for 6-4-6-1 in one sequence. The 100 came in the 39th over, Hick celebrating by lifting Kerr for two more sixes. coach and fellow Zimbabwean, revealed: "I

and relaxed at the crease.

Turner and Rose then made a reasonable recovery and had all but caught up with the rate in the 15th over when Rose went to cut Lampitt and Rhodes swooped again begind the wicket. Harden fell when trying to accelerate the scoring again and when Bowler, the Somerset captain, was bowled

SMONDAY JULE

# RUGBY UNION: STIMPSON AND TOWNSEND ENHANCE REPUTATIONS IN VICTORY OVER WESTERN PROVINCE BUT GRAYSON TO FLY HOME Lions earn respect for playing fast and not loose

Western Province ...... 21 British Isles.....38

FROM DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN CAPE TOWN

FOR years the southern-hemisphere countries have grown accustomed to disparaging British back play, so it comes as a pleasant surprise to hear open admiration for the brand of rugby being played by the British Isles. Even more so when that approach means one further step in the dev-elopment of a Lions team which can go head to head with the country that holds the

The hints of an ambitious handling game that were apparent in the opening match of the tour in Port Elizabeth a week earlier were confirmed on Saturday amid the towering stands of the historic Newlands ground here. Westem Province is a name to conjure with and, though the Lions did not pass their test with all colours flying, they were right to enjoy the many positive aspects that their third outing offered.

in particular, they took a substantial step along the road to answering the dilemma of their most effective combination at full back and stand-off half. By kicking seven goals from eight attempts. Tim Stimpson demonstrated a clear alternative to the more established international goalkicker. Neil Jenkins; by adding a solid tactical base to his acknowledged gifts as a runner and distributor, Gregor Townsend, as stand-off half, showed a management of the game which has not always

been apparent. Stimpson had always been first-choice kicker for his previous clubs before he joined

Stimpson kicked 18 points on a hot afternoon when, had the Lions lost concentration in mid-match, the game might have leaked away from them, but the manner in which he did so: his goals soared through the uprights from both touchlines, giving confidence to forwards who, despite the overall pace of the game, lasted better than their hosts, who failed to score during the final half-hour. Significantly, the Lions for-

wards readily admit the need captain, express that view.

That's the game we want to game was tougher than any-

extent he was only resuming a skill left fallow by the presence at Kingston Park of Rob Andrew. "Every game is im-

portant for a variety of things, but this was one where I went well with the boot," the full back said. "Part of that comes from the help I have had from the other kickers, including Neil, and from Dave Alred's coaching."

It was not merely that

to play an expansive game and, though their efforts suffered in the set scrums, they are coming to terms with the playing philosophy that Ian McGeechan, their coach, expounds. He believes his tight forwards must accept the need for a fluid game not as a matter of convenience but as the basis to their entire approach and he was delighted to hear Martin Johnson, the

play, it's how the world game is going," Johnson said. "That thing we have had in the five

THE pleasure the British

Lions have taken from their

success in Cape Town was

diluted even as they prepared

for yesterday's flight to Johan-

nesburg: Paul Grayson, the

becomes the first player re-

ouiring replacement on the

tour in circumstances which

suggest he should not have travelled in the first place.

The management have

asked for Mike Catt, of Bath,

to be released from England's

tour to Argentina, which has a

week to run, and hope that he

will arrive in South Africa on

Wednesday. Catt missed Li-

ons selection by a whisker,

but scored 21 points for Eng-

land during their victory over Argentina in Buenos Aires on

Saturday — and could find himself facing Northern Transvaal next weekend.

Catt said: "I am really quite

shocked. It is the ultimate

ambition for any player in the

United Kingdom to go on a



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Williams, the British Isles hooker, takes on the Western Province defence, with Leonard in support. Photograph: David Rogers/Allsport

ever." It is beneficial for the Lions to play under such pressure because only then

will they refine their handling. Yet Dick Muir and Harry Viljoen, respectively the cap-tain and coach of Western Province, were united in their appreciation of the fast game played by their opponents. and, with greater accuracy and better decision-making, the Lions might have scored

As it was, they were ten points up in nearly as many minutes. Stimpson's opening volley was followed by a drive

By DAVID HANDS AND MARK SOUSTER

Lions tour. Hopefully, I can

take this chance with both

Grayson's tour has been

undermined by his prolonged

absence from rugby during

was recovering from a hip

injury. When he resumed

goal-kicking at home, he strained a thigh muscle but

was passed fit when the Lions

gathered in Weybridge; how-

ever, in training last Tuesday,

he sustained a similar injury

but chose not to mention it,

playing against Border the

next day and struggling on a

"Paul played in that match

without reporting the injury." Fran Cotton, the manager,

said. "Sometimes emotion

takes over from clear thought processes and that showed in his performance." No disci-

plinary action will be taken

against the player for what

might be considered, in a

soft, slippery surface.

hands."

by Shaw that created the space for Howley and Guscott to send Bentley over. The same three backs were involved when Western Province, running out of defence, lost possession and room was created

In between, however, Muir scored two tries for Western Province, both from heavy

scrummage pressure on the Lions line and the desire to search for tries rather than take penalty kicks at goal. When Van Heerden, a dependable lock whose all-round game will surely earn him a Catt call as replacement

judgment, but he will not

I feel perfectly all right and fit

to run around," Grayson said.

a flat-out performance, it doesn't hold up. It's not like

I'm going home with some-thing that definitely rules you

out. I'll have to find out what's

wrong, have another scan and

see if there is any extra

Meanwhile, England have

sent for Steve Diamond, the

Sale hooker, as a replacement

for Phil Greening, who was concussed against Argentina on Saturday and will take no further part in the tour. Dia-

mond. 29, becomes the fifth

Sale player in the party. He is

expected to arrive in Argentina on Wednesday. Will Green, the Wasps prop, is

expected to arrive today as cover for John Mallett, who

has a back injury.

damage."

receive his full tour fee of

"It's more annoying in that

be named today, won a lineout on the Lions 22, Muir was also able to force the half-break from which Aitken broke into a clear field and Brink scored. the left-footed Montgomery giving his side a 21-18 lead.

Western Province could not force the issue, however. Not one of their speedy backs could find sufficient space and, though Small rounded Bentley with his one opportunity, the fiery Springbok wing spent a frustrating afternoon in verbal skirmishing with the Englishman. Stimpson punished offside twice to restore the lead and Howley, bright as a diamond, cut through midfield and delivered a scor-

ing pass to Evans. Nor were the Lions content to close down the match in the final minutes to protect their ten-point lead. Townsend's long pass would have put Greenwood clear had not the centre, a late replacement, dropped the ball: instead, Townsend's tackle on Montgomery created a loose ball where Bentley collected the easiest of scores.

WESTERN PROVINCE: J Swart, J Small, R

WESTERN PROVINCE: J Swari, J Smail, R Fleck, R Murr (captain), S Berndge; P Morngomery, S Hathey G Pagel, A Paterson, & Andrews, R Brink, F van Heerden, H Louw, C Krige, A Authern Pagel replaced by A van der Lindo (57mm), Krige replaced by R Skinstad (65), Murr temporarily replaced by L Koen (57-68).

BRITISH I SLES XV. T Stimpson (Newcastle and England), I Evans (Lienetti and Wales), J Guiscott (Bath and England), A Tail (Newcastle and England), G Townsend (Northampton and Scotland), J Benthey (Newcastle and England), G Townsend (Northampton and Scotland), R Howley (Cardill and Wales), G Rowither (Louester and England), L Dallagilo (Wisspe and England), M Johnson (Leicester and England), R Holl (Saracens and England), R Hober (Northampton/Army and England), R Hober (Northampton/Army and England). Rodber (Northampton/Army and England).

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#### Auckland's success may inspire S Africa

THE legitimate claims made by Auckland Blues to be the best provincial team in the world could receive an even sterner examination when the Super 12 tournament resumes in the southern hemisphere next year (David Hands writes). Having overcome the event's surprise package, ACT Brumbies, 23-7 in the final at a rain-soaked Eden Park on Saturday, Auckland may find that South Africa will flatter them by imitation.

A proposal will be discussed this week by the executive of the South African Rugby Football Union (Sarfu) to create four regional teams, involving the country's best players, for 1998. Rian Oberholzer, the Sarfu chief executive, seeks an amalgamation of provinces to replace the four most successful Currie Cup provinces in the Super 12. This would expose those players to a higher level of competition and broaden the base for international selection.

The Blues will not concern themselves with that just yet. They retained the trophy against possibly the most innovative team in the competition with a display of inspired defence and meticulous preparation. That they weaved their spells as well as they did in the heavy conditions before easing off in the final quarter was remarkable and their success is likely to promote Rod McQueen to the position of national coach next year.

SCORERS: Auckland Blues: Tries: Dowd. Jones: Conversions: Cashmore (2). Pen-alty goals: Cashmore (3). ACT Brumbles: Try: Roff Conversion: Roff

# Fluent England exceed Rowell's expectations

Argentina

England ......46 FROM MARK SOUSTER

IN BUENOS AIRES

DURING the past fortnight. Jack Rowell has compared England's foray to South America to a mystery tour, which might or might not lead towards World Cup success in 1999 with him in the driving seat. The coach may have taken the odd wrong turn during his stewardship, but what this six-try defeat of

ing in the right direction.
This was a considerable achievement and a marvellous advertisement for the national game — a watershed even. Rowell now knows that he has at his disposal up to 30 players who will have proved themselves at international level by the time that the World Cup squad is picked. To beat Argentina so decisively in their own backyard on Saturday underlines the strength in

Argentina proves is that he,

and English rugby, are head-

depth in the English game. The margin and manner of victory will also have turned heads in South Africa, where 18 English players are with the British Isles — a fact alluded to by Adedayo Adebayo, the scorer of two tries. "I am glad I am on this tour," he said. "I need to cement my England future, that is the long term. The Lions is short term, and I need to impress Jack."

The so-called second string. including the six new caps who started the game and Richard Cockerill, a replacement for the injured Phil

Greening, seized their chance in a manner that not even Rowell, who described the performance as one of England's "best ever", could have

imagined.
"This is a major uplift for us. a major stride forward, but Argentina will come back very strongly," Rowell said. Phil de Glanville, the captain, said: This was absolutely crucial for us. We need to crown it now by winning both Tests. We were playing within our-



Diprose: outstanding

selves when we started, but as soon as we cast off the shackles we reaped dividends." In front of a raucous 20,000

crowd in the Ferrocarril Oeste stadium, England were under relentless pressure in the opening period. However, once they had reorganised their defensive alignment and stopped committing their forces to the blind side leaving the threequarters exposed to the bullocking Argentina loose forwards, whose runs created overlaps from

which Ouesada and Arbizu

scored — England prospered.

They won better ball from the set-pieces and the loose, which enabled them to develop the running game that has served them admirably on tour.

In the early exchanges, when England scored a try by Greenstock against the run of play after Catt's trademark chip and chase, Tony Diprose was outstanding. The Sara-cens No 8, whose understanding with Bracken was pivotal. won several balls on the deck and turned opponents in the injury-time try that gave England a 17-13 interval lead, from which they never looked back.

Argentina, attempting a loose, expansive game for which their stamina did not allow, played into England's hands and, by half-time, were out on their feet. England sensed it and went for the iugular. In ten heady minutes, Adebayo, Clarke and Catt scored in a blur of free-flowing rugby.

SCORERS: Argentina: Tries: Quesado, Arbitul, Solari Comension: Quesado Oropped goel: Quesada, England: Tries: Arlebayo (2), Greenstock, Diprose, Clarke, Can, Conversions: Catt (5), Penalty goals;

ARGENTINA: E Jurado (Rosario); T Sola ARGENTINA: E Jurado (Pocario); T Solari (Hndu), E Simone (Luceo Naval). L Arbizu (Belgrano AC, captain) F Soler (Tala): G Ciuesada (Hndu), N Fernandaz Miranda (Hndu): M Reggardo (Castres). F Mândez (Barb), R Grau (Gauteng). R Martin (San Isotro). G Llanes (Barb), P Sporieder (Curupayo). P J Camerincia. (Regalas Bella Vista). F Bouza (Duondes) Mendez replaced by C Promanzoo (Duendes) 38mm. Sporieder replaced by I Fernandez Lobbs (Luceo Naval) 65. Reggiardo replaced by O Hasan (Natacon) 70. ENGLAND: J Malfinder (Sale): J M

placed by O Hassan (Naracon) 70.

ENGLAND: J Mallinder (Saler; J M Steightholme (Balh), N J J Greenstock (Nospo), P R De Glanville (Bath, capten), A Adebayo (Bath), M J Catt (Bath), K P B Bracken (Saracens, K Yates, Bath), P B T Greening (Gloucester), D J Garlorth (Leceston, M Corry (Bratol), N C Redman (Bath), M Haeg (Bath), N B B Clerke (Richmond), A J Diprose (Saracons) Governing replaced by R Cockertil (Lecester) 25: Corry replaced by C M A Streetby (WSSC) 59.

Referee: I Ropers (South Africa)



# McFarlane ends 18-year wait for first victory

FROM MELWEBB IN HAMBURG

A CAREER in which talent has never been matched by achievement suddenly and surprisingly bore fruit here yesterday for Ross McFarlane, who claimed his maiden PGA European Tour victory in the Tournament Players' Championship of Europe with a final round of 71 and a total of 282,

six under par.
Players with better records - men such as Howard Clark, 12 times a European winner. Gordon Brand Jr, who has eight victories to his name, and Anders Forsbrand, who has won six times - were reduced to the roles of gallant yet ultimately helpless by-standers yielding to the vicious, swirling winds that howled round Gut Kaden.

McFarlane, who by win-ning £125,000 gave himself a belated birthday present - he passed 36 last week - was tested to the boundaries of his skill and the limits of his character by conditions that approached the impossible at

If the rest of his golfing life up to this, its most crucial moment, had decided his performance, he would not have won. Nobody scanning the draw sheet and trying to find a winner from the last few groups on the course yesterday morning would have guessed that the golf of a champion was going to be drawn from this cheerful, slightly round-shouldered son of Manchester.

McFarlane has one of the most distinctive walks on the European Tour. Once seen, it is not easily forgotten. But, after the defining moment of a career that has touched many lows and precious few high points, his gait had just a hint of a swagger about it. He was entitled to it, for victory on today's European Tour is not a feat easily achieved.

"I'm not quite sure how I'm supposed to feel," he said as he lifted a beer bottle to his lips with a hand that was still shaking slightly with the emotion of it all. "It's fantastic. I'm



McFarlane: lucrative win

sure it will begin to sink in sooner or later, but all I feel right now is excited."

After 18 years of trying, suddenly a good deal more than just excitement awaits him now; for a start, a fiveyear Tour exemption, priceless for a man who as recently as 1993 was forced to go back to the qualifying school to get his

playing rights back. He had to call on all those one, challengers sprang out of

#### HAMBURG DETAILS

LEADING FINAL SCORES #3B and fee unless stated: 282- R McFarlame 70, 73, 68 71, 283: G Brand Jr 72, 72, 67 72, A Forsbrand (Swe) 73, 68, 69, 73, 284: D Clarke 74, 72, 68, 70, 285: M-A Martin (Sp) 69, 71, 76, 89; R Wessels (SA) 70, 75, 70, 70, R Rusself 72, 72, 70, 71 P McGarley 72, 72, 66, 74, 286: R Alemby (Aus) 76, 70, 70, 70, The form of Japany 73, 70, 72, 71, D Carter 70, 75, 70, 71, 51, Henderson 73, 70, 71, 72, A Hunter 73, 72, 68, 73, B Timing (Dem) 72, 70, 71, 72, A Hunter 73, 72, 68, 73, B Timing (Dem) 72, 70, 71, 72, 68, 73, B Timing (Dem) 72, 70, 71, 72, 68, 76, H Clark 73, 74, T Bjorn (Dem) 72, 72, 68, 76, H Clark 73,

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the pack. Brand Ir went into the lead on seven under par when he sank his second birdie putt of the day on the 6th, and held that advantage to the moment he missed a four-foot putt for par on the

Up to then the Bristol-based Scot had looked the likely winner. Surely he would hold on; he had trodden the victory path before. He knew how to win and, if he forgot, there was always Forsbrand, the Swede who remains an enigma even deep into his thirties, to take up the baton.

Few would have given McFarlane a second thought as the tournament moved towards its closing stages. If he was a contender at all, the double-bogey six he had after driving into a ditch on the 10th seemed certain to eliminate him from the contest.

This, however, was a man on a mission, and, if it looked an impossible one as he trudged off that 10th green, it became possible, then probable, then highly likely as he birdied the next three holes with putts of ten, 15 and 25 feet, overtaking Brand Jr, his playing partner, as he did so. He was never again headed.

Brand Jr was eventually to finish joint second with Forsbrand, a shot behind McFarlane, while the most significant move came from Darren Clarke, who had a 69, the best score of the day, to finish fourth. Clarke now has 375,451 Ryder Cup points and has confirmed his place in the team. Miguel Angel Martín. so consistent, also edged

25,000 points closer to a place. All of these men had reason to be pleased last night. They had achieved much in this windswept corner of northern Germany and went away happy. After they had all gone, McFarlane was still savouring his big moment. His 15 minutes of fame had stretched into hours; he was not willing to let it go just yet.



Pulling power: Pinsent, left, Foster, Redgrave and Cracknell ease their way to victory in the coxless fours yesterday

# **Business booms for Redgrave**

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL IN MUNICH

STEVE REDGRAVE'S comment on Friday that it was "business as usual" as far as his rowing was concerned, gained deeper meaning as the Munich stage of the World Cup series progressed and he and Matthew Pinsent ended the regatta with their five-year unbeaten record intact. The switch of boat, from coxless pair to coxless four, and the inclusion of Tim Foster and James Cracknell in the lineup, made no change to the usual scenario and the comfortable win on Friday was followed by first places in the semi-final on Saturday and

the final yesterday. Since 1992, Redgrave has believed in winning every race, be it heat or final. "It makes you mentally stron-ger," he said. "You are not just sending out a message to others. You are sending a message to yourself. You learn

by winning, not losing."
The "new boys" have noticed the difference. Foster, no newcomer to international medals, said wryly: "WhatevMatt, they really are quite good. Previously, I raced hoping to win. This crew expects

Cracknell, the quietest of the quartet, admitted that he was enjoying the experience of being in a crew capable of controlling races. In the final, the British led by a length with 500 metres to go when Germany and Croatia started to push, but Pinsent's confidence was such that he de-

layed his final burst until the last 200 metres.

Jurgen Grobler, the coach, accepted that there was muchstill to do. "The power is there but there is a lot more to come. We have seven races before the world championships. We have got to learn something every race."

Technically there are still obvious faults, particularly on the bow side, at No 2 and No 3, where Redgrave and Foster row in tandem and Foster has more length. The in the first 500 metres.

and Pinsent, though. mistakes we made didn't cost us a race," Pinsent said. Redgrave added: "We are now in the driving seat knowing we

can go faster. The coxless four's gold was the highlight of a weekend of racing that placed Britain a comfortable second behind Germany among the 37 nations in the new World Cup. which is based on the 14 Olympic events. With points awarded for the top seven finishers, eight British crews scored, notable contributors being the eight and new coxless pair of Rob Thatcher and Ben Hunt-Davis.

With 1,500 metres left in the eights final, the British were fourth when Peter Wilson, of Queen's Tower, clearly a natural stroke, wound up his men to 425 to pass Russia and the German Under-23s. Thatcher and Hunt-Davis were told only a fortnight ago by Grobler that they would be tried in the coxdess pair and that a top-six placing was their target. They also finished second, despite being left behind

the London lightweight coxless four, with Nottingham County, their rivals for selection, also scoring in seventh place Two other lightweights. Matthew Beechey and Tim Bedingfield, in a pair, gained

points for a sixth place. There was the unusual sight of a British quad scull featuring among the best in their final and finishing fourth. Greg Searle, in a single, found the windy conditions difficult and failed to qualify.

Guin Batten was also unhappy with the headwind that afflicted her semi-final on Saturday, although she qualified in second place. The wind continued yesterday and she finished fifth in a high-class

Britain achieved five golds and one silver in non-World Cup events, eye-catching performances being provided by the young silver medal-win-ning lightweight eight, and, in the under-23 section, the coxless four from Oxford Brookes University and Elise Laverick, from Thames, who both took golds.

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#### **Champions** defy all challenges

ORIEL and Osler-Green retained the headships of the men's and women's first divi-sions of the Oxford University Summer Eights on Saturday, but the two races could not have been more contrasting.

When Osler-Green passed the University boathouse, no other boat was in sight. The next ten crews had all bumped out and 400 yards of clear water separated Osler from University and St Anne's - the only other crews still rowing - at the bottom of the division.

The men's race produced a close struggle between Mag-dalen and Oriel Magdalen closed to half a length along the Green Bank, and a canvass after they passed the boathouse, but Oriel with stood the challenge and pulled away to finish half a length clear Balliol caught Christ Church to return to the ninth position in which they started the week, while the rest of the division rowed over.

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#### Slaneys may contest IAAF ban in court

**ATHLETICS** 

BY STEVEN DOWNES

PRIMO NEBIOLO, the president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), said "I want to be president of athletics, not president of doping" after a decision by the IAAF Council in Athens on the drugs case of Mary Slaney. Slaney, 38, the 1983 world

champion at 1,500 and 3,000 metres, returned a positive drugs test for testosterone at the United States Olympic trials 12 months ago. She has denied ever using banned substances, and US Track and Field, her national governing body, has been reluctant to enforce a suspension for fear of legal challenges. Now, the IAAF has ordered Slaney, together with two other Americans, to be banned.

Slaney's husband, Richard, the former British discus champion, described the deci-. sion as "an outrage" yester-day, adding that the IAAF had not acted according to its own rules. Dr Nebiolo took a different, and categorical, view. "When an athlete is considered positive, the athlete must be immediately suspended," he said.

return of the silver medal and \$20,000 which Slaney won at the World Indoor Championships in Paris in March, when she otherwise would have been ineligible.

"We cannot be embarrassed like this." Istvan Gyulai, the IAAF secretary, said. "We told the Americans what to do in February. In future, if a national federation is reluctant to impose a ban, the LAAF Council will do so for them."

The Slaneys are expected to seek a court injunction to allow the runner to compete at the United States championships later this month.

In an unrelated case, Haris Papadias competed in Paris in March, winning the men's 60 metres, when he might otherwise have been suspended. Papadias was one of four Greek athletes who reportedly evaded a random drugs test in February and his \$50,000 Paris prize-money has been withheld, pending further investigation. However, he is unlikely to be suspended before the outdoor world championships, in his home city of Athens in August.

#### Rasmussen crowned on day of high drama

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PETER RASMUSSEN won the longest, best and most surprising of all world championship finals when he beat Sun Jun, the world No 3 from China, in a two-hour final of magnificently contrasting phases with a dramatically controversial finish in Glasgow yesterday.

Rasmussen, seeded only fifteenth, produced the perfor-mance of his life to win 16-17, 18-13, 15-10, once coming from the brink of defeat at 13-6 down in the second game and then recovering from 10-3 down in the third when Sun. racked with cramp, was only able to hobble towards the

How the Chinese player's courage got him so close to victory when from 5-3 onwards, he was so immobilised, was remarkable, though it owed something to the Malay-sian umpire's failure to interpret the rules more rigorously.

Twice Sun gained respites of two minutes while he put medication on his right thigh and then bandaged it, and while changing ends he was allowed to take three minutes. On all three occasions it prompted such a fury of

booing from hundreds of the Dane's supporters that a serious incident seemed possible. "I got angry about the

breaks, but in the end I decided that this was another of the obstacles I had to overcome if I was to be world champion," Rasmussen said. In many ways the bigger obstacle was the second-game deficit, which he hauled back by taking 12 points in a row when he had looked beaten.

Throughout this recovery Rasmussen worked heroically hard to take the shuttle higher at the net than Sun. This created openings for winners and kills at the net and then, in the five-point setting, chances lor his dangerous smash, which Sun had often been able to contain.

It was during these five points that Sun began to wilt. He sat on his haunches, squatted on the court, held his leg with his hands and staggered alarmingly.

Later, Ye Zhaoying became the first player for ten years to retain the women's singles title, beating her compatriot, Gong Zhichao, 12-10, 11-8 as China completed a haul of four of the six titles.

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MONDAY JUNE

TENNIS: GRAF AND HINGIS DROP SETS BEFORE OVERCOMING TESTING CONDITIONS

# Kafelnikov refuses to be blown off course

FROM ROB HUGHES IN PARIS

ON THE seventh day of the French Open, a billowing wind over Roland Garros that would have grounded the aviator after whom the stadium is named, scattered some of the top seeds yet inspired others to superb defiance of the elements.

Yevgeni Kafelnikov, the Russian who holds the men's singles title, simply grows more serene by the round. He mastered the conditions as well as he did his young Australian opponent, Mark Philippoussis, using guile against power and his considerable edge in experience to win 6-2, 6-3, 7-5 in just 90

Kafelnikov, still the Russian pessimist, still saying he is not satisfied with his game, refused to be blown out of his

Paris results .

rhythm. But, on the same centre court. Alex Corretja, the Spaniard whose baseline game has been more consistent than that of anyone else over the last three months, fell in two hours 57 minutes, over four sets, to Filip Dewulf, the first Belgian to reach the quarter-finals since 1958, and only the third man to come through the qualifying rounds

to reach this stage. In defeat, Corretja will be remembered for a supreme moment of sportsmanship, refusing to take a crucial break point that was awarded to him. "I saw the ball was on the line, I cannot say it is out, "he said. "I have to be honest, even if it's break point or advantage for him. That's the way I felt ON COUTL'

Bravo for a loser, whose reward for setting such an example was to have a string break in his racket in the very next game and eventually fail to live up to the expectations of those players who though this would be Corretia's year.

The crowd, alas, learnt nothing from Corretja and failed to appreciate that Monica Seles is just about the most feisty competitor around.

Late in the evening, when she was imposing her will on Mary Pierce, the adopted French heroine, they persistently tried to break her concentration with crude Mexican waves and catcalls. Seles won the first set 6-4

and led 4-3 in the second, demonstrating to the full the courage with which she is retrieving her career and trying to raise the spirits of her father and coach, Karolj, who is seriously ill back in Florida, Just once she faltered, dropping her service game to love.

But this is a special spirit. She grunted volubly, came back to deprive Pierce of her service, also to love, and, when she had won that second set 7-5, raised a fist to the French.

How that wind tugged at the dresses, and the concentration, of the ladies. Steffi Graf, playing on the centre court between the rising Belgian, Dewulf, and the omnipotent Kafelnikov, struggled at first with herself.

She seemed dominant in the first set against the Romanian. Irina Spirlea, yet managed to lose it in the tie-break. This raised her hackles and her German pride, and she wore down Spirlea, claimed the victory by winning successive sets 6-2, 6-2 It is beginning to look as if

despite the injured left knee and the chatter among rivals that she is vulnerable, Her next opponent, Amanda Coetzer, who eliminated the the higher-ranked Conchita Martinez in three sets, has recently beaten Graf twice. But that was a convalescing

German; this appears a resur-On the Suzanne Lenglen court, Magnus Norman, the Swede ranked 65th in the world, continued to be the conqueror. Having ousted Britain's Greg Rusedski and the ailing Pete Sampras, yesterday he destroyed Marc

Rosset, who of all the competi-

she is regaining her game. tors managed to blame the world and unbeaten in 38 wind and only the wind for his defeat. Rosset, a winner 99 times on clay, swore about the elements, then said: "I am not Mother Teresa. I don't care. I am not here to do charity to anybody.

Graf hits a stunning forehand volley during yesterday's win over Spirlea

Norman was told of his opponent's bitterness. "No one is winning because of the wind," replied the phlegmatic young Swede.

"I don't know if it was blowing more on his side. I knew when I came here in the morning that I wasn't going to play good tennis. You have to fight and fight to win in these conditions." Martina Hingis, No 1 in the

the morning, David Sherwood won in the junior section, by 7-6, 2-6, 6-3 against Paradorn Srichaphan, of Thailand, It was not, perhaps, a victory that suggests he will excel, but it was welcome for all that.

matches this year, comfort-

ably won her first set against

Austria's Barbara Paulus, 6-3.

She then lapsed to surrender

the second set 6-0. Was the

finest flower about to be blown

away? Twenty-four minutes

later we had our answer.

Hingis did to Paulus what had

been done to her, a love set

And, at last, there was a

British win on these courts. In

wrapping up the match.

# Yen for Yankees sees rookie strike it rich

Tunku Varadarajan on the unheralded Japanese pitcher who has finally arrived in baseball's promised land

to gasps all around, some of glee and others of sheer disbelief. the New York Yankees have signed Hideki Irabu, the Japanese pitcher, on a fouryear contract worth \$12.8 million (about £7.8 million) - more money than has ever been offered to a Major League mokie.

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Irabu has never played baseball outside Japan. It is as if Liverpool had lavished a vast sum for a footballer from Cameroon, whose only international experience was the odd away game in Guinea-Bissau, and launched him straight into the FA Carling Prem-

A bit of a gamble? Undoubtedly. Yet the Yankees. the most celebrated sports team in America by far. are convinced that they are on to

a winner. Irabu is a starting pitcher. which is the baseball equivalent of an opening bowler. At his best, his pitches have been recorded at 100 miles per hour, evoking comparisons with Nolan Ryan, the Texan pitcher regarded as perhaps the briskest of all time. To put it in perspective, he pitches as fast as Jeff Thomson bowled.

Such speed is startling in pitcher from Japan. but Irabu is built like an Osaka ox. At 6ft 2in and 1812 stone, he is probably the heftiest non-Sumo wrestling Japa-nese man in sport. He has a thick neck, the chest of four sherpas and a big "pitcher's butt" - an athletic asset in a sport where the gluteus is always maximus.

Irabu's odyssey to the Yankees, however, is startling too. He has played for eight years in the Japanese Pacific League, with the bizarrely named Chiba Lotte Marines. However, professional baseball in Japan is like indentured labour, and in January the Marines traded him to the San Diego Padres, a club in which Irabu had no interest but

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Worcester (2 55).

with which the Marines have had cosy business links for years.

Irabu, naturally, was a bit miffed, and simply refused to play for the Padres. Instead, with a most un-Japanese pushiness, he insisted that he be transferred to the Yankees, who had already shown a desire to have him on their payroll, "I play for the Yankees or I play for no one." Irabu beliowed memorably at a crowd of Japanese journalists at Tokyo airport in

March. After months of wrangling, almost all of it bitter. the Yankees and Irabu got each other over the weekend. The club's Napoleonic owner, George Steinbrenner, who has not once seen his man hurl a ball, offered him a mouthwatering deal by the standards of a man

yet to play in the Major League. Irabu will receive a signing bonus of \$8.5 million (about £5.2 million) payable over three years, and sala-ries of \$200,000, \$800,000, \$1 million and \$2 million for the next four years. The Yankees have also secured an option for a fifth year, at

a salary of \$4 million. The question that has

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: European qualifying group four: Belerus v Scotland (at Minsk, 3.0)

CRICKET

AXA LIFE LEAGUE (40 overs): Chesterfield: Derbyshev v Hampshre, Chester-leStreet: Durham v Sussex: Tunbridge
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Yorkshre v Gloucestershire

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intrigued everyone, though, is this Why? Is Irabu that good? What if the dream

deal curdles quickly? trabu is fast, but he is artless. He has, as yet, no "forkhall" (or outswinger) worth the name. He has pitched only at Japanese hitters and at those Americans who play in the Pacific League, invariably rejects from the American Major League. Will not batters such as Ken Griffey Jr baseball's Brian Lara -

simply munder him? The Yankees, however, know all about that. A coach said: "Look, the hoy's got talent, We'll show him what to do with it. Give us some time with him and hell be as sharp as a laser beam, the

The example of Hideo Nomo, a Japanese pitcher signed by the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1995, is a fertile source of optimism. He was voted rookie of the year and, if he could succeed, so can Irabu, who is faster, fitter,

meaner and more talented. Already dubbed the "Orient Express", the man from Japan is New York's latest, and most unlikely. All-American Boy. All he needs to do now is to learn to pitch a forkball.



Irabu's signing has taken American sport by storm

### GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD SPEEDWAY: Effe League: Ipswich v Bradford (7:30), Premier League: Sheffeld v Reading (7:45) Ameteur League: Ipswich and king's Lynn v Lathellan (9:0). TENNIS: Surrey International Champion-ships (at Surbton)

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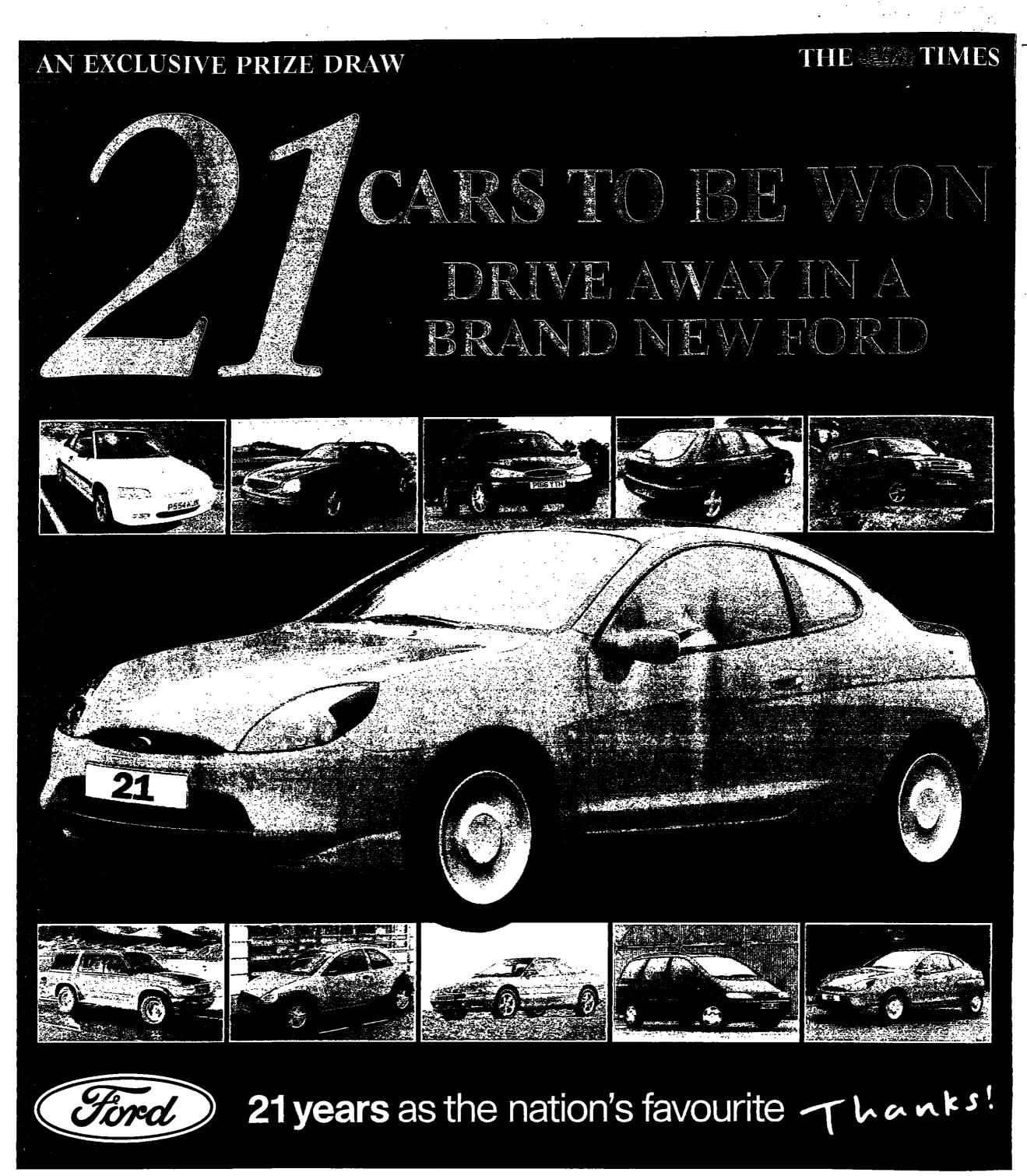
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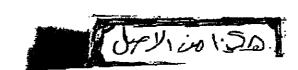


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#### AMERICAN FOOTBALL

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23 25sec Triple jump: A Harton (GB) 14 49m.

CARDIFF: Walsh games: Men: 100m: J Livingston (international Select) 10 26sec 150m: I Mackie (GB) 14 99sec 200m: D Campbell (international Select) 20 35sec 150m: I Bautin (GB) 20 06sec 400m: P McBurncy (N ke) 46 9sec 800m: E King (N ke) Imn 52 15sec 1500m: C Stephanison (Gutos) 1 Jame 25 10sec 110m Solicitor (Gutos) 1 Jame 25 10sec 110m hurdles: C Jackson (Walss) 13 80sec 400m steeplechase: S Durall (International Select) 8mn 57 80sec 4000m burdles: C Jackson (Walss) 13 80sec 4000m steeplechase: S Durall (International Select) 8mn 57 80sec 4000m steeplechase: S Durall (International Select) 8mn 57 80sec 4000m steeplechase: S Durall (International Select) 8mn 57 80sec 4000m steeplechase: S Durall (International Select) 15 00m Polis vault: T Incomas (Walss) 2 15m Long Jump. 5 Philipp: (International Select) 15 00m Polis vault: T Incomas (Walss) 4 80m Short I. Newman (International Select) 15 00m Polis vault: T Incomas (Walss) 4 80m Short I. Newman (International Select) 15 00m Polis vault: T Incomas (Walss) 58 88 Hammer: G Volden (Walss) 61 04m Javelar D Select) 10 Select) 11 Select) 10 Select) 11 Select) 10 Select) 11 Select) 10 Select) 11 Select)

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BATH: Cay of Buth Open tournament: Ment: Singles: Fifth; round: D Southcombo bt K Fetcher 21-17. A Gall bt E J Hamoul 21-17. J Erchine bt A Colebrooks 21-16, R Doughty bt B Shish 21-9 M Tabb bt A Honessy 21-13. J Squires bt C Bartlett 21-14: D Gos bt P Mootly 23-11. J Hobboy bt F Johnson 21-17. Pairs: Fifth fround: A Hams and P Hardin bt A Rices and M Prossor 21-12. A Marthas and M Harding bt H Lorense and B Hancock 27-16, P Wootlon and M Murphy bt B Smith and D Pasalow 19-18, S Botheron and B Eley bt H Plumley and R Stokes: 18. Shophicard bt M Manning 21-17, A Jacobs: bt P Allord 21-9 J Stern bt B Wilson 21-14. N Davigson bt H Rowdon 21-18, D Ormute with M Dyelf W Bonn-16 bt J Wilsonson 21-3 M Mayo bt S Hancock 21-9 GLASGOW Scotte. Counties Champel

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BANGKOK World Boxing Federation bantamweight champtonship: F Hal-bat-own (Thal, holdon) bt S Gonzake (Nic) ko 2nd

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HOCKEY

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GERMANY: Mumch Regatta: Finals, Men: Single stuffs: 1, 1 Cop (Souchas) 8mm 05:23sec 2 1 Al. (Egyot) 3:12:28:3, 3 Depoint 15, 813:64, 4 Remnotate (Larvest) 8:17:86, 5 F Bothen (Norway) 8:19:26 6 A William (Gert 3:30:55 Double stuffs: 1 Norway (F. Under S. Shar Storsethi 7mm13:25sec; 2 Utraine 14 Marcher 16:40:6 A Hajot) 7:18:85 Quadruple stuffs: 1 Germany I Buron, Milazker 16 Marcher 5 Roement 6mm 25:85sec; 2 Hodams Commany I Buron, Milazker 16 Gerter, Singerment 6mm 25:85sec; 2 Hodams Commany I Lools Milammann 6:27:13:3, Russas (Gibacha), Ni Spane, 1 Natissec, V Souchor, 6:29:18 Cordess pair 1, Cupato II Burtain 1, Frankovic 7mm 39:35sec; 2 Britain IF Frankovic 7mm 39:35sec; 2 Britain IF Frankovic 7mm 39:35sec; 2 Britain IF Thatcher, 5 Hunt-Passect 7:28:0, 1 Grando (A Beginn L Bechts), 7:36:63 Cordess Sours 1 Burtain I) Crackmen 7:50sec, S Redgade, M. Pinsenti 6mm 34:00:50:2 Germany, S Henni S Fonster U Steenblock A Horli 6:36:30:3 Crossas (C Marthon, Milanovic (C Germany, S Henni S Fonster U Steenblock A Horli 6:36:30:3 Crossas (C Germany, Grandovic (C Germany, C Henni 6:37:63) Eights. 1 Germany, Grandovic (B Ruehling, 1 Eulen) 7mm 18:08sec; 2, Austra Hill Jurtschnich 17 Austrain 7:30:16:3, France (P Touron F Dulbur, 7:200-Lightweight coorders fours; 1 Donntain (T Letter E Epobern 7: Poulsen V Foodersen 6:mm 34:85xc; 2 France (V Dontman, 1 Facel P Touron F Poulsen V Foodersen 6:mm 34:85xc; 2 France (V Dontman, 1 Facel P Promiser 1 Poulsen V Foodersen 6:mm 34:85xc; 2 France (V Dontman, 1 Facel P Promiser 1 Publisher 1 Promiser 1 Poulsen V Foodersen 6:mm 34:85xc; 2 France (V Dontman, 1 Hodge, L Promiser 1 Promiser 1 Watson A Butt 6:a:23

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MATCHES TO COME: May 31: Potand v England. June 7: Georgia v Moldova. June 14: Potand v Georgia. Sept 10: England v Moldova: Georgia v Italy Sept 24: Moldova v Georgia. Oct 7: Moldova v Potand. Oct 11: Italy v England; Georgia v Potand.

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ITALIAN LEAGUE: Bologna 2 Internazionale 2, Juventus 2 Lazio 2; Milan () Caglieri 1; Napoli 1 Vicenza 0; Placenza 2 Perugia 1; Reggiana 0 Alalanta 3; Rome 0 Udiness 3; Sampdona 1 Picrentina 1; Verona 1 Parma

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GERMAN LEAGUE: Bayer Leverlousen 2 Vt. Bochum C; Fortuna Düsseldorf 1 Hamburg 1; 1860 Munich 0 Werder Bremen 3; SC Freeburg 1 Karlsruhe 1; Hansa-Rustock 0 Schalke 04 1; Surtigent 4 Arminia Belefeld 2, Borussia Mönchengladbech 2 Beyern Munich 2, Sankir Pauf 0 MSV Dussburg 2; Borussia Continued 2 Cologne

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GROUP B: Morocco 1 Holland 1 (at Sa-Fours); Mexico 1 Croatia 0 (at Mattermort)

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Singles Fourth round F Dewulf (Bell) bit A Corretja (Sp) 5-7, 6-1, 6-4, 7-5 Women M Norman (Swe) bi M Rosset (Switz) 4-6, 6-3, 7-(7-3), 6-3 Singles Fourth round

Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt M Philippoussis (Aus) 6-2, 6-3, 7-5

M Chang (US) bt S Simian (Fr) 6-1, 5-2 rel M Rios (Chris) br A Boetsch (Fri 7-6, 6-3, 6-4 P Ratter (Aus.) bt R Krajicek (Holf) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2

M Woodlorde (Aus) bi A Costa (Sp) 6-4, 7-6, 6-3 G Blanco (Sp) bt C Woodsuff (US) 7-6, 6-3, 7-6 S Bruguera (Sp6) bi D Norman (Bel) 6-3, 6-1, 6-3

H Arazi (Mon) bt M Larsson (Swe) 8-2, 6-3, 7-5 Doubles Third round

T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus) bt P Korda (Cz) and J Sabenstein (US) 2-6, 6-3, 9-7 Fileson and J Stark (US) bi 7 Kempers and M Dosting (Huli) 6-3, 6-7, 6-2 Second round

Y Kaleinikov (Russ) and D Vacek (Cz) bl. T Nijesen and S Noteboom (Holl) 6-1, 8-4 Leach and Stank bill G Kuerten and F Meigeni (Br) 6-3, 6-3 Kempers and Oosting bit J Broitman and N Kutti (Swe) 6-3, 1-6, 6-3

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Adedayo Adebayo, of England, bursts through flagging the Arge international match at Buenos Aires. England won the match 46-20. Photograph: Stu Forster/ALLSPORT TENNIS: FRENCH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS Friday's late results L Jensen and M Jensen (US) by E Couto and B Mola (Porl 4-6, 6-4, 11-9 M Philippoussus and P Reiter (Aus) bi J-P Fleurian and S Similan (Fr) 5-7, 6-3, 6-4

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M Originals and H J Davids (Holl) bit D Graham (US) and E Ferreira (SA) 6-3. 6-3

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MicNeil and Middleton bt C Wood (GB) and J Eagle (Aus) 6-3, 7-5 Viktova and Messon bi N Miyagi (Japan) and G van Emburgh (US) 6-3, 6-2 Po end Bergh bl A Senchez Vicano (Sp) and M Behrami (Iran) 6-1, 6-3

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Miniature perfection on the Piddle

# Small is beautiful fishing in Lilliput

By Brian Clarke

name, streams do not come smaller than the Piddle. It is a tiny thing, winding and wink-ing like a tinselled thread, with the lushness of deep

Dorset all about. The Meon, in Hampshire, is a mighty affair. There are deeps and glides, tumbles and rapids. In places the Meon is more than a rod's-length wide. It flows through country not unlike that around the Piddle. but on Hampshire's larger

Both streams are as clear as a young girl's eyes. Golden gravels cover their beds. Everywhere green ranunculus sweeps and curls on the currents and the water plays with the daisy chains the delicate plants offer up. Here and there trout - small trout, wild trout, fin-perfect and beautiful trout - rise in the channels and in shady places under the banks.

Fishing both of these River Tests-in-miniature, together with Things are

seen in

a couple of other waters too small and obscure to name, proved a joy in the last week of close-up May. But then, fishing in Lilliput or else not is always a joy.

There is an intiseen at all' macy about a tiny stream that a big river, by its nature. cannot to suggest it? - a fish that possess. Things are usually seen in close-up or else not

On the Meon a water vole sat up like a squirrel and nibbled a strand of weed inches from my wellies as I crouched in deep cover. On the Piddle a water vole swam from my bank to the other. right into the sun. For just a second a globule of water somehow balanced on its back. It caught the light like the Koh-i-noor.

On one of the tiniest streams a kingfisher rounded the bend up stream, saw me and simply kept on coming, perhaps because I was standing still. It jinked and banked around me, almost squeezing by. Several times in Lilliput I

found I had to wade: the awkwardness of the banks, or the way the trees reached and getting into the water was the only way to fish.

Wading in Lilliput with the water sleeking and racing all about seems, for all one's disproportionate size, to absorb physically, to draw one down into the whole living organism. The stream seems to accept someone wading someone wading sensitively and carefully - the way fish swimming deep will accept a

AS MIGHT be guessed by its diver. It is as though being in there, being a part of it, makes the awful intrusion less.

Wading through a tunnel on the Meon I got so close to a trout that I could have reached down and tickled it. On the Piddle a fish drifted out from a ranunculus bed and settled down to feed steadily on passing flies, tilting and sip-

ping, maybe eight feet away. Of course, when fishing in Lilliput, everything needs to be scaled down - expectation no less than tackle. Leviathans do not normally swim in tiny streams though, these being chalk streams, the fish still can surprise. One man I know makes a speciality of finding and catching big fish from waters that are hardly there at all. He has had fish over three pounds from one stream so narrow that I can literally step

Yet still, the average fish in Lilliput weighs three or four ounces, a good fish goes half a

> pound, a corker about three-quarters. It was with much incenseburning and camera-clicking that I returned a wild brown trout of around 14 ounces to one of the Piddle's deeper pools and I lost - will I blow all credibility

would have gone the wholehog pound. On all four little streams I

used the same oft 9in splitcane wand my wife bought for me - well, allowed me to buy one of those Big Zero birthdays long ago. It fishes a 4-weight line. If you point it in the right direction and the wind is at all forgiving, it will put a fly onto a saucer at short range. Which, of course, was exactly what was wanted. There was never much fly about. The chaffinches and the wagtails seemed to get most. The trout saw a few and took them. Most of the time it was a case of standing for long periods without fishing at all. or reading the water and casting to likely spots.

Fly fishing offers many rewards, but few are as fulfilling as knowing that you have read flowers swaying and curtsying. Channels between the beds open and close, currents cut into bends, water falters ahead of this obstruction. there is something oddly attractive about that place over

Where will the fish be?

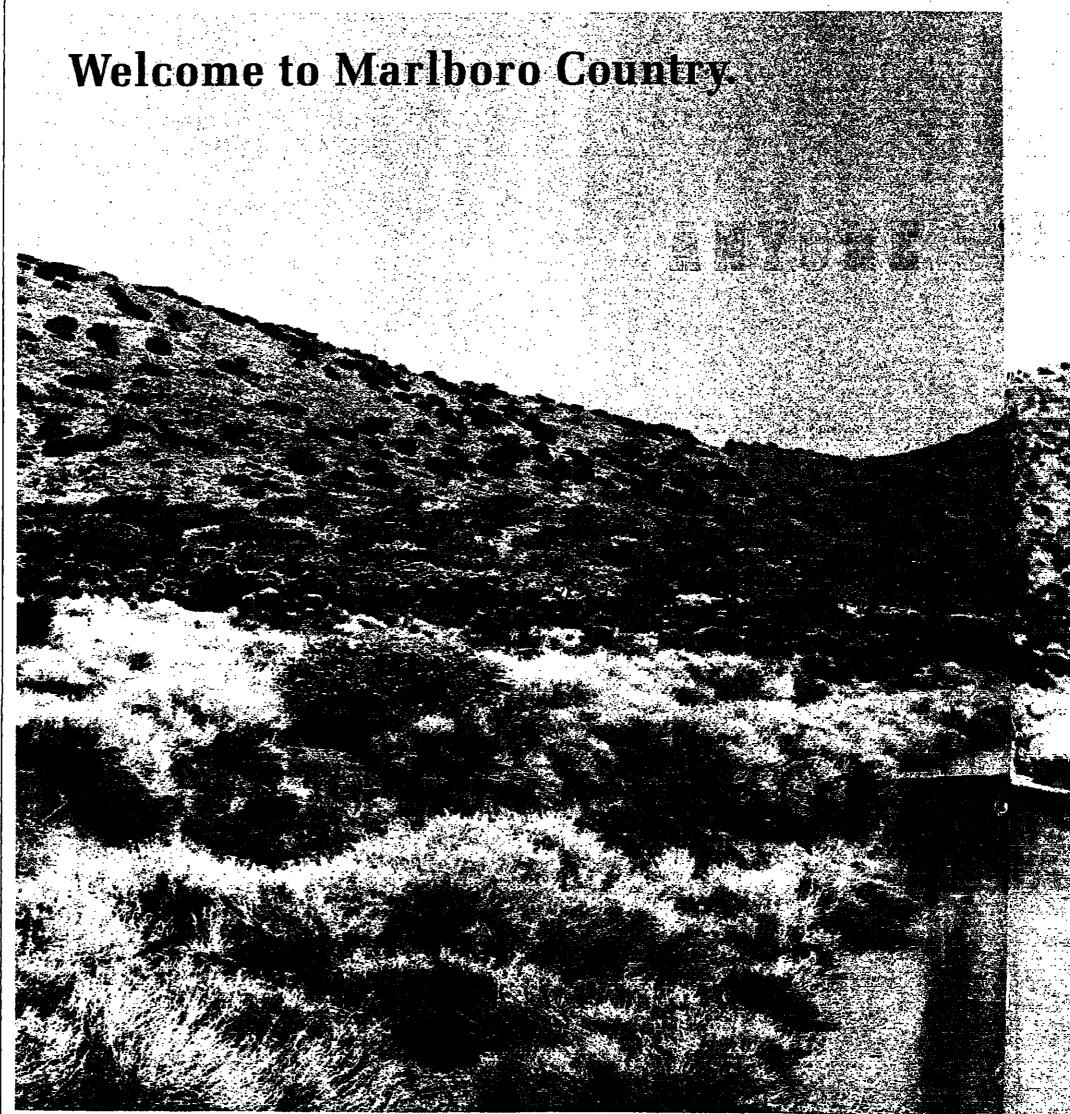
Where will a big fish be? If I were a fish wanting maximum food for minimum effort, where would I want to be? The eye searches, the mind weighs, the cast responds. Here. There. A little beyond that and

just to the right. A single cast to each is usually enough to pass judg-ment. The spawning in Lilliput is usually good and there are usually too many fish competing for the food. That is why they tend to be small. That is why, if they see something that might be food, they grab it.

In a way, fishing in Lilliput is like fishing in childhood. All-beguiling and never a dull moment. But then, how would not be like fishing in childhood? It was by the streams of Lilliput that most anglers grew up. It was Lilliput that stuck the stars in our eyes. I loved going back for those few sun-lit days. I plan a return visit, soon.



With the lushness of deep Dorset all about, fishing the Piddle is a joy. Despite the size of the stream, wading is often necessary



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It's all very well to say share and share alike, but in all honesty wouldn't you prefer to enjoy at leisure your own copy of the Times Educational Supplement? The FE Focus section, in particular, really does deserve much more than a rushed flick through in the staffroom. So for opinions worth taking the time to listen to, buy your own copy, take it home and keep it to yourself. BEFOCUS

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SAILING: SHALLOT WINS GOLD ROMAN BOWL AFTER SLOW START

# Moody masters world's largest yacht race

By Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent

THERE were more than 100 fewer boats than last year, but the world's largest yacht race. the 61st Hoya Round the Island Race, was still every bit as spectacular as 1.242 yachts in 41 classes took their chances in Mediterranean weather conditions on Saturday.

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is often necessary

Last year, the strong and blustery northwesterly set up the opportunity for a new monohuli record of 5hr 12min. claimed by Mike Slade's maxi Hoya Longobarda. This year. with lighter conditions and the breeze coming in from the north-east, record-breaking on the 50-mile course around the Isle of Wight was not on the

However, for the first time since 1988, the fleet set off downwind, making for a col-ourful display as hundreds of spinnakers made their way down the Solent with the first of the ebb. out towards the Needles. Then it was a long and exhausting beat up the southern side of the island to St Catherine's Point and on to

Bembridge, before the yachts he said. "From there it was were freed as they headed back down to the finish off

The overall winner on Channel Handicap, and winner of the Gold Roman Bowl, was the Class 12 mini-tonner, Shallot, a 23-foot Julian Everitt design skippered by Martin Moody, from Bursledon, Hampshire. Moody, who was sailing with

Spencer Wright, Steve Laurie and Ian Lovering, bosun to the British Olympic team in Atlanta last year, said that he knew he was doing reasonably well once they started going to windward on the south shore of the island.

"It was slow to start with because there was very little wind, but, as we got to the Needles, we realised we had a chance of winning because we were among the bigger boats,"

just a case of pushing all the

Second overall in CHS was the 1955-vintage folk boat Celia Mary, skippered by Edward Donald, from London, who claimed the same prize four years ago in another folk boot, Charlotte Sometimes. Among the other trophy

winners was the 26-foot micromultihull. Orion, skippered by Harvey Bowden, who, in only his second entry in the race, was first to finish in a time of 6hr 14min 8sec to claim the Freedom Challenge Bowl. Hoya Longobarda, skippered by Eddie Warden-Owen, won the Observer

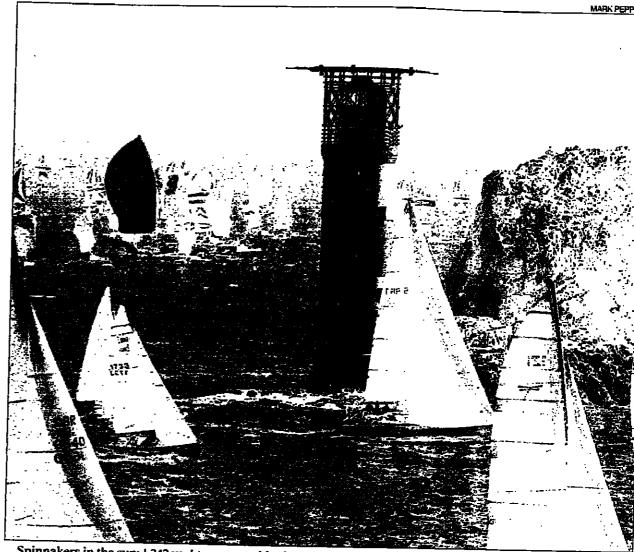
Trophy for the first monohull to finish and Derek Waiter's successful first 42s7 Pointe North won in CHS Class I. Among the mure interesting compeniors was Ellen MacArthur, giving her newly-acquired b'2-metre Le Poisson its

first serious outing with Jez

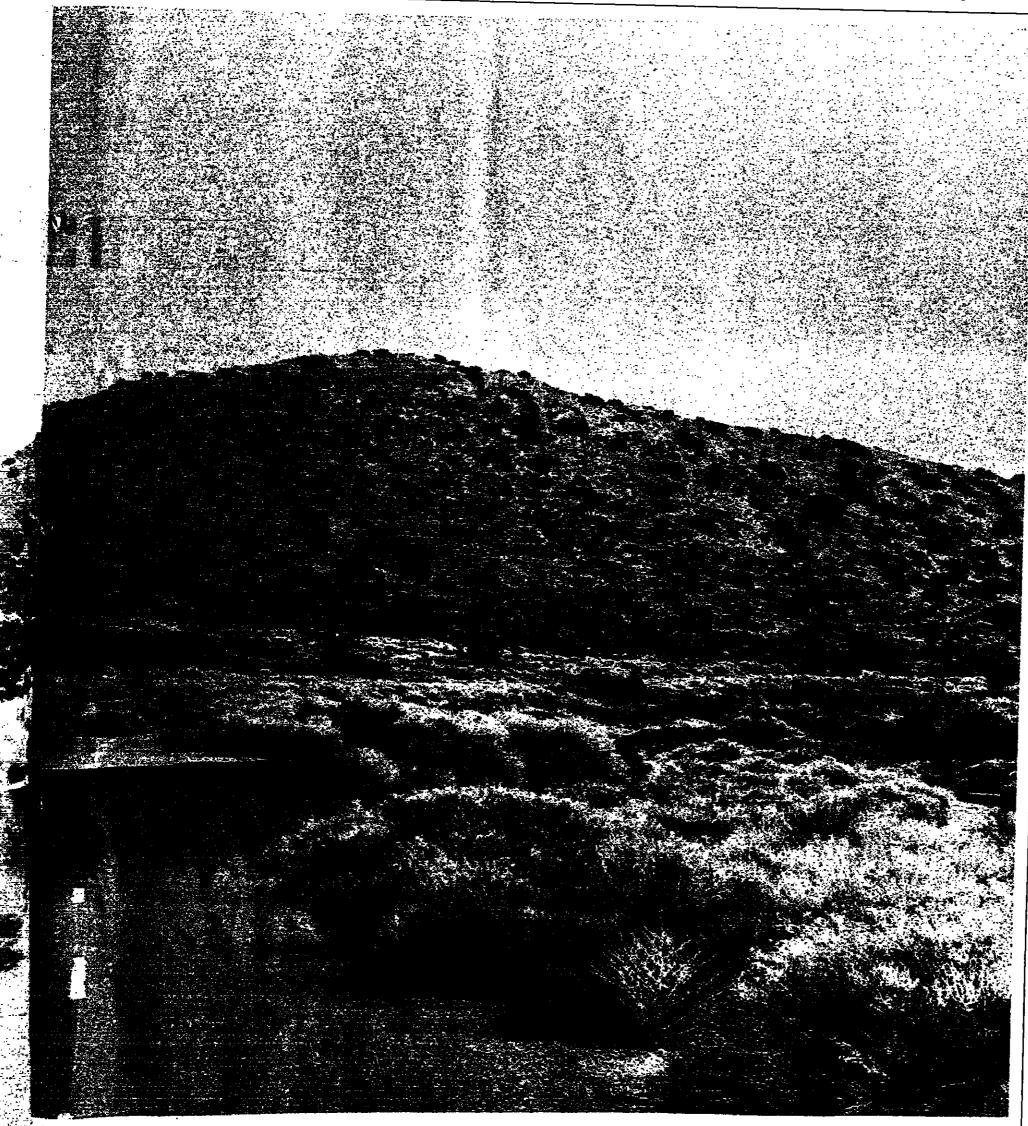
MacArthur, who is one of two Britons entering this year's Mini-Transat singlehanded race, has been working feverishly at Hamble on limited funds to get the boat ready. Conditions were not ideal for the 21-foot "Mini" but she still managed to finish around thirtieth in the 300strong Island Sailing Club Class 1.

"It was brilliant, absolutely brilliant," MacArthur, whose next appointment is the twohanded mini-Fastnet at the end of June, said. "The incredible thing was we were overtak-ing 35-40 footers — you lose track of how small the boat is doing that" MacArthur's confidence in

her boat and in her own ability to cross the Atlantic on her own at just 19 was endorsed by Fanstone, one of the key members of Lawrie Smith's Silk Cut Whitbread crew, who took the day off to sail with her. "She'll have no problems," he said. "She's pretty well sorted already."



Spinnakers in the sun: 1.242 yachts competed in the Hoya Round the Island Race in Mediterranean conditions



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### Adela steals march for line honours

By Edward Gorman

ADELA, the 173-foot schooner. was yesterday back at her mooring at the Pendennis Shipyard in Falmouth, where she was built in 1994, after taking line honours in the New York Yacht Club's Rolex Atlantic Challenge Cup.

Although chased most of the way from Sandy Hook by the gaff-rigged 193-foot schooner Adix, Adela. under the guidance of Steve Carson, stole a march on the rest of the fleet and made it to Falmouth early on Saturday evening.

The next yacht in was expected to be the 135-foot ketch Sarivah, with Adix, skippered by Paul Goss, be-hind her. The strong northeasterlies in the Atlantic have slowed the remaining yachts and contributed to an increasing list of retirements.

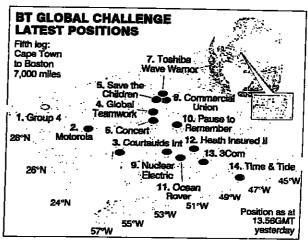
Of the 16 starters who set sall on Mav 17. only 11 are still racing. Never Sav Never, the 100-foot Ron Holland cutter. has now given up with a cracked mast. The Replica of America, skippered by Paul Deeth, is so far behind the rest of the fleet that she has also retired, while a surprise addi-

tion to the list is the 86-foot Sapphire, skippered by Sir Robin Knox-Johnston.

In the BT Global Challenge, meanwhile, progress towards Boston in the fifth and penultimate leg, has been slowed by light winds as the yachts continue up the Atlantic towards Bermuda. Mike Golding's Group 4 remained in the lead yesterday, with a cushion of more than 100 miles to the second-placed Motorola, skippered by Mark Lodge.

Simon Walker, on Toshiba Wave Warrior, who was in second place overall at the start of the leg, a total of 22 hours behind, is back in seventh position, about 250 miles adrift, while Andy Hindley, on Save The Children, who held third place overall, is fifth.

On Motorola, the crew was celebrating moving up to second place on the western edge of the fleet. "Spirits are high as we race towards Boston," they reported. With only 1,300 miles to go, Group 4's lead seems insurmountable but. with a little luck, who knows?



**CYCLING** 

### Dangerfield finally claims elusive title

By PETER BRYAN

STUART. DANGERFIELD finally achieved one of his biggest ambitions yesterday when he won the blue riband of British cycling, the national 25-mile time-trial champion-

ship, at his ninth attempt.
Victory at Yarm, in North Yorkshire, was not handed to him on a plate, but came from a determination that did not show signs of bearing truit until the last five miles. His ride showed all the tenacity that is the hallmark of the man he succeeds as champion,

Graeme Obree, Dangerfield's time of 51min 10sec was 22 seconds outside the course record held by Chris Newton, who was second yesterday, five seconds adrift. The pair had turned the trial into their own private contest by the halfway point. after which the riders ran into a nagging northeasterly wind. with conditions made even harder by the hilly terrain on

the Al9. Dangerfield put his poor start down to a disturbed night at his hotel. "I felt dreadful when I started," he said, "but, as the miles went by, my legs began to feel

better." The news that he was 15 seconds down on Newton with five miles to go appeared to spur him. Whenever he could, he pushed hard into the wind, using a mammoth top

gear of 128 inches. Dangerfield is no stranger to championship success - he has won the national hillclimb title on four occasions since 1992. Still rankled by his non-selection for the 1996 world time-trial championship, he now hopes to be rewarded with a place in the

Britain squad this year. Later this month, to underline his claim, he competes in the British 50-mile championship and the Isle of Man trial over one lap of the 374-mile TT circuit. Newton. named in Britain's team for the six-day Tour of Sweden starting on June 11, will then take six weeks off before returning to his base in France to prepare for the Tour de

Sean Yates, the champion in 1980, finished fifth yesterday after being third fastest to the halfway point.

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Christian Dymond puts on his whites, picks up his mallet and asks if there is 'Anyone for croquet?'

# Running through the hoops



TIMES

croquet attracted the kind of following that might have given it a regular place on relevision, had the technology existed. Then tennis came along and spall the party - the All England Croquet Club became the All England Croquer and Lawn Tennis Club in 1877 - and even after a croquet revival in Edwardian times, tennis maintained the upper

During the past few years, though, croquet has made a remarkable comeback. About 400,000 people now play the game in all its forms: associ-ation croquet, golf croquet, short croquet (a shorter ver-sion of association croquet) and croquet at home in the garden. Golf croquet is a simplified form of the association game, involving two or four people playing alternate

There are 130 clubs registered with the Croquet Associwhich this year celebrates its centenary with an exhibition of memorabilia including equipment, trophies and photographs, now open in the museum of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club at Wimbledon.

<sup>7</sup>Croquet is no longer preserve, if it ever was, of old colonels and their bejewelled wives. Nor is it a game played solely on the lawns of large country houses. These and other myths the secretary of the Croquet Assocation, Paul Campion, is keen to dispel.

ift is a sport which attracts a large number of young people and one of the few games in which men and women of all ages can compete on equal terras," he said. Most internationals are in their twenties and thirties. The world champion is Chris Clarke, 25, of

The most northerly club in England is at Belsay Hall, an English Heritage property in Northumberland where the spectacle of members in their white attire playing croquet in



Trotman says artificial surfaces are being considered for croquet because the drought is creating problems with lawns

Belsay's nationally renowned gardens makes for a perfect cameo of an English summer's

It was here that I learnt how to play association croquet, the most complex form of the sport and one which has two variations in itself players and the handicap game enjoyed by everyone.

The idea of association croquet is for one side (either an individual or a pair) to run two balls through six hoops twice in a prescribed order and then to hit the centre peg. You can make use of your opponent's

Match-pointed pairs

croquet balls as much as you like to do this. It sounds simple enough but in reality I suspect you need the vision of a Beckenbauer and the skill of a Ken Doherty to be a champion.

The hoops are like door frames from Lilliput and getting a ball through one is no mal clearance (a loth of an inch) on either side. Belsay's captain, Roger Peters, says that on extremely hot days the black ball can swell slightly, so adding to the

The first hoop you encounter is always painted blue along the top, the last one red - is called Rover. At the end of each turn, you always attach a small clip (like a clothes peg) on to the hoop you are going for next. This clip is the same colour as the ball you

are playing. master was how to hold the mallet, then how to hit the ball in the right place — the "sweet spot" as John Grant, the chairman, described it. "Stand with your feet not too far apart, but far enough that you don't hit your ankles, which can be very painful," Liz Nisbet, a club member, said.

For my first game I opted for the yellow and red balls, Peters had the black and blue. Being heavily handicapped, I was awarded 12 bisques (extra turns) to take whenever 1 wanted, which was frequently.

not required. But

Belsay has two lawns b

most certainly is.

Southwick near

nance of lawns

Artificial lawns would also

At the start, all four balls had to be hit from a point one vard in from the boundary line. Next I chose to strike my red ball - but as the distance was too far to "run" (pass through) a hoop, I aimed it at Peters's black ball instead. Hitting the black or "mak-

ing a roquet" gave me an extra shot. I picked up my red ball. placed it touching the black and struck it again, aiming for a point in front of the hoop. This is the "croquet shot", which is followed by the "continuation shot".

allow people to play through the winter, which would give a The mantra "roquet, major boost to this rejuvenatcroquet, continuation" was buzzing in my head all morning but these shots are the very basis of Association Croquet. What you are trying to do is to use all four balls and set up a break which leaves your oppo-

nent out of play - etiquette demands that he or she watches from the sidelines during your turn - while you carry on running as many hoops as Having run all the hoops

you can go for the centre peg. Hitting it is known as "pegging out". Of course, if your break

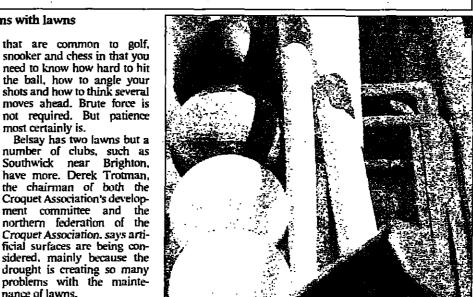
comes to an end, you do not want your opponent to walk on and find all four balls in a wonderful position to start a prolonged break. As Peters put it: "You should always consider the consequences of failing in any particular shot. That may influence whether or not you play that shot."

The game contains elements

### STARTING OUT

The Croquet Association. The Hurlingham Club. Ranelagh Gardens. London SW6 3PR. Tel: 0171-736 3148. The Association supplies details of clubs and sells equipment. Know the Game. Croquet by Bill Lamb (published by A&C Black) is available from the Association for £3.99 plus 35р р&р.

Belsay Croquet Club: 01661 825186. Belsay Hall, castle and gardens: 01661 881636. Open until October 31, daily 10.00-18.00 (or dusk). Adults £3.50, concessions £2.60,



EQUIPMENT is normally supplied when you join a club but if you want to buy your own the cost is: mallet, £55-£150; balls, £90-£180 for set of four: hoops, up to £170 for a set of six; pegs, from £15; a croquet set which includes all the above: £250-£2000.

# • HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

West had to be awake on this hand. The play revolved round endplaying the declarer. Dealer South

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South had already achieved a good result by buying the contract in Two Diamonds, since East-West can make eight or nine tricks in a heart contract. He ran the six of hearts to his queen - West, having bid hearts, was likely to have the king; winning the 1 ace of hearts would have given declarer little play for his contract. When the queen scored it made it impossible for the opponents to play hearts again without giving declarer access to the stranded

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Declarer exited with the ten of clubs which West won with the jack (the ace would have been better). Now West, Amanda Hawthorn, bridge author, teacher and regular at

Amersham Bridge Club, deduced that it was declarer who had the singleton heart, not her partner. If declarer had had two hearts he would have been playing on trumps. So she cashed the ace of clubs and played a diamond to the jack and queen. Declarer played the ace and the nine of diamonds but West played her king and gave declarer the lead with her last diamond. After cashing all the diamonds declarer played ace and another spade but West played the king under the ace and East had the rest of the tricks for a one-trick defeat. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

section on Saturday. WORD WATCHING

### By Philip Howard

a. Soured camel's milk b. An Albanian c. Ice hockey equipment

FACULA a. Duplication b. Latin translation . c. A sunspot

**GAMBALOCKE** a. A bear hug b. A musical form c. An Eastern riding coat

> a. A kind of roffee b. A sash or girdle c. A Mexican festival Answers on page 46



### BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Alarming opening

Nigel Short continues to score with the most amazing open-ing variations. In the Madrid tournament he has landed another direct hit with a discarded version of the King's Gambit where White's king wanders around the middle of a crowded board. Sturned by Short's unusual choice of opening, Black missed a draw with the beautiful variation 22 ... Re2+ 23 Kg3 (or 23 Kg1) 23 ... Rxg2+ 24 Kxg2 Qe2+ with perpetual check.

White: Nigel Short Black: Jeroen Piket

Madrid, May 1997						
		Gambit				
1	e4	<b>e</b> 5				
2	f4	ext4				
3	Nt3	Be7				
4	Nc3	Bh4+				
5		<b>d5</b>				
6		Nf6				
7		Qx16				
8		Bg4				
9	Qd2	N¢5				
10	ය	0-0-0				
11	Oxf4	Qe6				
12		g5				
13		Bxg5				
14		f5				
15		Nxd4				
16		Rxd4				
17		Pxe4+				
18		fxg4				
19		R18+				
20	Kg1	Pxf1+				
21	Kxf1	Re1+				
22		Qe2+				
23		Qd3+				
24	Kxg4					
Bla	ok resigns					

### Diagram of final position

Coulsdon chess Neil McDonald continues to lead in the international tournament in Coulsdon.

White: Timmermans Black: McDonald Coulsdon International, 1997

	Sicilia	an Defence
1	e4	c5
5		Nc6
3	d4	cad4
4	Nxd4	<b>e</b> 5
5	Nb5	d6
6	C4	Be7
7	N1c3	аб
8	Na3	Be6
9	Bd3	8g5
10		Bxc1
11	Rxc1	Nge7
	Nc2	Ng6
	Nd5	0-0
	Qd2	Ch4
	14	ext4
	Nxf4	Qg5
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### WINNING MOVE

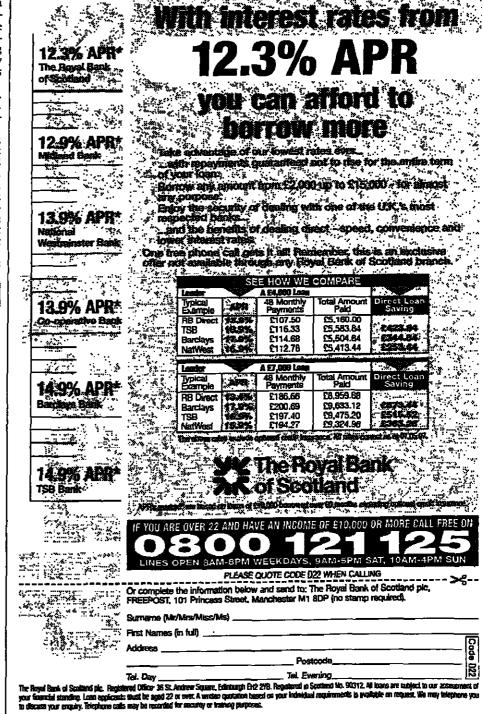
By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Palkovi -Boros, Hungary 1997. White's powerful concentration of force on the kingside gives him the opportunity for a quick kill. Can you see how?

Solution on page 46

### The centenary exhibition of the Croquet Association is in the museum at the Ali England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Wimbledon: 0181-946 6131. Tues-Sat: 10.30-17.00. Sunday 14.00-17.00. Price: adults £2.50, students and senior citizens £1.50.

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UNSECURED PERSONAL LOANS

### Peintre Celebre shows classic acceleration

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT AT CHANTILLY

ONE of racing's great anomalies was wiped from the slate here yesterday when Andre Fabre, Europe's outstanding trainer, saddled his first winner of the Les Emirats Arabes Unis Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby).

A model of pragmatism and restraint, Fabre struggled hard to amplify his thoughts

### BIG-RACE DETAILS

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NAIATI 9-2 G MOSSE
ALSO RAN: Fragrant Mix (4th), Ithalo (5th); Shaka (6th). Voyagers Quest (7th). Kashwan (8th), Bonapartste (9th), Fier Danseur (70th), Casey Tibbs (11th), Arabian king (12th), Perfect Paradigm (13th), Speedmend 14 ran 3, ½1, 4, 5, ¼1, A Fabre Pari-mutuel (inc I'n stake): 410, 210, 310, 420 DF, 25 70 2mm 29 60sec

after Peintre Celebre summoned brilliant acceleration to cut down Oscar and Astarabad inside the final furlong. On this evidence the colt, only the second by his sire, Nureyev, to reach the highest class over middle disrances, will make a formidable opponent for Entrepreneur assuming the latter follows the script at Epsom on Saturday.

The result is really rewarding for everyone," an elated Fabre said. "He has been lightly raced because this has been his goal. He is by a



Peslier expresses his delight after partnering Peintre Celebre to an impressive victory in the French Derby at Chantilly yesterday

worried about him staying. It has been a long wait but I am more happy for the owner, Daniel Wildenstein, than for

In this contest Peintre Celebre displayed the hallmarks expected of Entrepreneur. The colt's ability to carry his speed over 12 furlongs will make him hard to master and racing

fantastic sire and I was never can now embrace the prospect of a golden season, with older horses such as Helissio, Singspiel and Pilsudski lying in wait for the young tyros.

First, however, Entrepreneur must strut his stuff and the performance here of Voyagers Quest - who beat Entrepreneur's principal opponents, Benny The Dip and Silver Patriarch, on his

previous outing — served only to increase expectations. Voyagers Quest duelled with the other British challenger, Perfect Paradigm, but the colt weakened tamely to finish seventh. Perfect Paradigm fared even worse, beating only one home. The Tote responded by shortening Entrepreneur's

Derby odds to 5-1 on. The pity is that Peintre

Epsom. Understandably, his owner, the octagenarian Wildenstein, preferred to race on his home turf. Wildenstein, a Paris-based art dealer, has long annexed the sport's glit-tering prizes but, like Fabre. he had never previously tri-umphed in the Prix du Jockey-Club. He savoured Peintre Celebre's victory from the

Celebre was not saved for

comfort of the Chantilly restaurant but his son, Alec, left no doubt about the horse's

place in their hearts. This is the most serious racehorse we have ever had," Wildenstein insisted. That is praise indeed, for the family's litany of champions includes the likes of Allez France, Sagace, All Along and Pawneese. The last-named,

winner of the Oaks and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes, is also the greatgranddam of Peintre Celebre. All options are open for

Peintre Celebre. Wildenstein said he and his father would be guided by Fabre's instincts. with the Irish Derby high on the agenda. He also fired a shot across the bows of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, the iewel in French racing and a prize won three times by the family. "Today the Arc has become a small race," he said. They don't sponsor it enough and the Breeders' Cup may be

a more important event." Earlier in the afternoon, Entrepreneur's supporters received another lift when Starborough, fourth in the 2,000 Guineas, made every post a winning one in the Prix Jean Prat. Starborough disposed of Mamalik's strong challenge inside the final furlong but the latter remains a colt of great promise. Richard Hills, riding Mamalik, was adjudged to have interfered with Cirino early in the race, but the four-day ban he received (June 10 to 13 inclusive) allows him to ride at Royal

Starborough, meanwhile, is bound for the St James's Palace Stakes. He surprised all bar his trainer, David Loder, when fourth at Newmarket and can now be entertained in the highest league.
"Lester Piggott rode him in his work before the Guineas and he said the horse would definitely finish in the first four," Loder recollected. Further dividends for Starborough seem

### Pipe and **McCoy** continue dominance

MARTIN PIPE and Tony McCoy, champion trainer and jockey respectively. again dominated this season's National Hunt campaign, which closed on Saturday at Market Rasen.

The two record breakers were even more dominant this term than last. Pipe topped the trainers' table with a record £1,360,000 in prize-money, more than £300,000 clear of the run-

ner-up, David Nicholson. Pipe also sent out more than 200 winners for the fifth time, but the first since 1991-92, and his final tally of 212 was 112 more than anyone else.

Nor was it just a numbers game for Pipe in 1996-97. His four winners at the Cheltenham Festival, a postwar record, included the second Champion Hurdle victory of his career with Make A Stand. He was partnered by McCoy, who largely filled the void at Nicholashayne left by David Bridgwater's surprise decision to quit as stable jockey midway

through the season. McCoy bettered Peter Scudamore's record for the fastest century and ended up with 190 winners, 59 clear of the runner-up, Jamie Osborne.

McCoy landed both of jumping's championship events as he added the Cheltenham Gold Cup on Mr Mulligan to Make A

### LEICESTER

2.15 Asfurah

2,45 Tymeera

4.15 Kilshanny 4.45 Keen Dancer The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 WELL WARNED.

3.45 SCARABEN (nap)

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.15 Kilshanny, 5.15 PURIST (nap).

### GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD 103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD.RE.E.G.S) (Mrs. D.Roberson) 8 Hall 9-10-0 . R West (4) 88

favourity in Islami race). Going on which horse has won (F -- firm, good to firm, hard. G -- good S — soft, good in soft, heavy). Owner in brackets.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING Draw: No advantage SIS

### 2.15 EBF WOLVEY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

(2-Y-0: £3,366: 5f 2yd) (10 runners) 220 ARIAN DA 9 (J. Hamitien S)

220 ARIAN DA 9 (J. Hamitien Jones) 8 Palling 8-11 ... I Detton ... L Detton ... HELENES HILL (J. Starbuck) C Smight 8-11 ... I Detton ... HELENES HILL (J. Starbuck) C Smight 8-11 ... I Fortune ... 22 IRDAN SILVER 20 (BF) (A Andrews) M Chamnon 8-11 ... I Rughes ... Bed LADY N WATTING 16 (Prepasa Racing Ltd) P Code 8-11 ... I Quinn ... J Reid LADY YAWARNIA (M. Kersey) M McMuffle 8-11 ... J Reid ... J Reid ... SAIRT ADM (G. Mediderbord) M. Ohriston 8-11 ... R Hills ... SENTINELLA NEY (S. Svening) M Healton-Ellis 8-11 ... S Drowent ... 4 SUPACALIFRAGILISTIN (2. W. Gredley) G Britann 8-11 ... B Doyle ... WILLY MY DULLY MY DUL 110 (4) WILD 1811/ NV Duson) M Ryan 8-11 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ S Carller —
BETTING, 9-4 Asburah 3-1 Lady In Walbing, 7-2 Indian Silver, 7-1 Saint Ann. Superakling@sta, 12-1 Arian Da.
16-1 Lady Yaranna. Sentinella Key, 20-1 others

1996: COWRIE 8-11 J Reut (11-8 fav) R Johnson Hooghton S ran

FORM FOCUS

ARIAN DA best effort neck 2nd of 12 to Supreme of 14 to Dance Trick in malden at Newbury (SL good to limi) on perulimate start, WDSAN SILVER 154 Sabout Doubl in maden at Goodwood (61. 2nd of 5 to Ratince Dr. Books in nover race at York (SL good) LADY IN WAITING about 254 4th Selection: ARIAN DA

### 2.45 PETRACO 100 NOT OUT SELLING HANDICAP

(£2.847, 5f 218yd) (22 runners)

BETTING: 6-1 Petram, 7-1 Napoleon Star, Actral Invader, 8-1 Tymeera, Sound The Trumpet, 9-1 Mister Raider 10-1 The Frisky Farmer, 12-1 Starp Return, Lawsmand, Sir Tasker, 14-1 others, 1996; SHARP MONTY 3-9-2 L Datjon (8-1) R Hallincheart 21 ran

### FORM FOCUS

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wich PETRACO 49:1 4th and RED Track (9th better
oil) 8:4 9th PETRACO 3 5th oil 10 to Comicate
Quest in Cartiste conditions race (S), good to solid
persulfunate start THE FRISKY FARMER 3441 4th
of 12 to Ivony's Grab Hire in Brightion (S).
Selections: ASTRAL INVADER

### 3.15 SILVER PHEASANT FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES

(3-Y-0: £4.727: 7f 9yd) (5 runners) BETTING, 6-4 Yield Warned, 9-4 Star Profile 11-4 Mesthed, 12-1 Natalia Bay 14-1 Chiratherry 1996 BEWITCHING 9-0 S Sanders (14-1) J Toller & ran

### **FORM FOCUS**

STAR PROFILE about 7% I last of 7 to Always Loyal in group 11 Fred Darlung States at Newboxy (71, good in group 1) Poule D'Essai Des Pouliches al Longchamo (1m, very soft) MESHHED about 31 in maiden at Goodwood (71, good) MATALIA BAY about 57 to Maid Of Camelol in Island race at Goodwood (1m 21, good) MATALIA BAY about 57 is 1 find 7 to Among Men in Hated race at Kentplan (1m, good).

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### 3.45 SWANNINGTON CLAIMING STAKES

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40	19	(9)		ROCHEA 10 (J Teastale) Mrs N Macaroley 3-8-0	
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1996: SCOTTISH PARK 7-8-7 S Sanders (7-1) J L Harris 15 ra

GOLDEN THUNDERBOLT beat Whytile Rock head in 11-namer claimer at Ponterbact (1m. good) with SCARABEN (3th worse off) about 1%1 4th and MONEGERTH (4th better off): 24 9th SCARABEN best effort beat Broughton's Pride short-hapd in 14-namer habdicap at Mussenburgh (1m. good) to solit on penultimate start. MONEGERTH best effort 644 4th of 19 to Gymorak Flyer in conditions race at Pontefract (1m. good) Apr 97 THE EXECUTOR short-head 2nd of 7 to Fourforfun in conditions race at Windsor (1m 67yd, good). OH SO MRSTY 17'61 5th of 10 to Ety Pleethoof in seller at Notingham (1m 21, good). ROCHEA best elter 44'(3 of of 10 to Experto in seller at Motingham (1m 22, good) on penulariate start. Selection: Golden Thumberbolt

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501	(5)	130263	CALENDULA 6 (D,G) (C Spence) D Marley 4-9-10 G Carter 9	5
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503	(4)		ORDAMED 12 (F) (P Ebdon Racmo) E Alston 4-9-6	
504	(8)		REHAAB 10 (F) (Baker Street Partnership) D Monts 4-9-F Pat Eddery 9	7
505	(3)	02-42	KBLSHANNY 17 (BF) (Shelith Mohammed) L Cumani 3-9-3 L Detion 1	
506	(f)		NECOLA'S PRINCESS 24 (G) (1 Gratery) B Modelshop 4-8-12 7 Coline &	ø
507	(2)		MISELLINA 9 (B & E Brootsinch, Ltd.) J 5 Moore 3-8-4 N Adams 8	8
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FORM	FOCUS
CALENDULA next and stort-head 3rd of 18 to Princess Damelle in handicap here (1m 21, good to firm).  AFON ALIWEN best effort 5%1 3rd of 8 to Lady Of Lessing in conditions race at Notingham (1m 21, imm) Sep 96 ORDAINED 121 3rd of 6 to Sold Desne in handicap at Ayr (1m 31, soli) 431.	SHANNY nest. 2nd of 8 to Janie's Boy in marden at Thir's (1m, good), MCOLA'S PRINCESS 61 4th of 18 to Tonka in handsap at MoBringham (1m 2, good) CADBURY CASTLE about 101y1 5th of 10 to Right Man in handsap at Nottingham (1m 51, good).  Selection: CALENDULA

### 4.45 OLD DALBY HANDICAP

3-	Y-0: E:	3,509. 1	m 1f 218yd) (14 runners)	
601	(8)	3010-4	DOUBLE FLIGHT 15 (F) (3rd Middleham Partnership) M Johnston 9-7 L Dettor!	87
600	rt3;	00-04	KEEN DANCER 14 (Mr. A Farton) M Bell 9-6 M Ferton	88
603	(13)	-00211	DOUBLE GOLD 5 (D.F.G) (M Edwards) B Meetian 9-6 (Sex) Pal Eddery	91
604	(14)	63P-50	SWIFTWAY 63 (A Winte) Y. Hogg 9-2 T Sprake	8
605	(4)	05-23	POTRITE FINE 22 (D Caruth) J Hills 9-1	8
606	(10)	50-0	SODA POP 19 (A Richards) C Britain 9-11 B Doyle	8
60.		60-60	BATHE IN LIGHT 28 (Cortokin Parmership) Lord Humbrouton 8-11 D Harrison	86
609		050-	GOOD JUDGE 233 (J Brown & M Denter.) M Hammond 8-10 J Rend	88
ERG			SHARP DEED 24 (P Hantman) P Maken 6-8 D Holland	8
610		0-0022	LUDO 5 (M Peccod) R Harmon 8-7 R Perham	3
E11	(1)	600-00	JB JAB 10 (NJr. ), May) Mrs N Macauler 8-6 A Whelan (3)	86
612		000	GRAND HOTEL 14 (New Friends) P Harris 8-3	90
613		600-10	BEWITCHING LADY 22 (N Crosss) () Arbugnost 8-9 R Moden (5)	98
614		0-004	GOLD CLIPPER 14 (P Argm) M Ryan 7-10 M Baird (3)	80
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BETTING: 3-1 Double Gold. 7-2 Lutio. 5-1 Double Prophs. 6-1 keen Dancer, 7-1 Pointe Pine. 8-1 Sharp Deed, 10-1 Bendching Lucy. Bathe in Light. 12-1 others 1996: PARSA 3-6 Pat Eddery (5-1) J Danlop 18 mm

### FORM FOCUS

DOUBLE FLIGHT hest effort best Larm Lottarin 21 to Scaffeebury in claimer at Windcor (Im 67yd. in 4-renner maiden at Ayr (1m good to fam). Sep 96. DOUBLE GOUD beat LUDO (20th better att) 54 in claimer at Herbory im 3 good to fam). PORNE FRE best effort 77 2nd of 11 to Bartia Papa in maden at Folkestone (7, good to fam) on peruditimate start. GOLDELPPER about 55:4 4h of 18 to 1yccoro fina in familicary at maden at Folkestone (7, good to fam) on peruditimate start. LUDO best effort 11/61 2nd of 18 Selection; LUDO Selection

### 5.15 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-	O: £3,	,639: 1m 3f 183yd) (6 runners)
1	[1]	64 KHAYALI 11 (H al-Maldaum) D Modey 9-0 R Hills 78
2	ıfi	9-2 PURIST 48 (R Barnell) M Standa 9-0 J Reid 🖺
3	(5)	60 SARBARON 23 (Resolvation Racing Ltd) P Harrs 9-0
4	(3)	6 APILETTY 28 (Lord Howard De Walden) H Cecil 8-9 A McGione -
5	141	4 KSLAAA 18 (BF) (Shelifi Ahmed al-Maldician) L Coman 8-9 L Deltori 83
6	[2]	3 SELVER WHIRL 18 (W & Mrs & Robins) B Charlton 8-9 T Sprake 65
BEITH	IG 4-5	Persi, 4-1 Kuma, 6-1 Silver What, 8-1 Ariety, 10-1 Phapuli, 25-1 Sarbaron.
		1998: FINESET MERCHIE 9.0   Debter (M.1) Mr.   Card 13 cm

### FORM FOCUS

KHAYALI 7%1 4th of 5 to Memorise in mades at lance lest of 6 to Shouk in maiden at Haydock (Im Newcastle (Im 21 good) PURIST SI 2nd of 18 to Kinglicher Life in maiden at Newmantet (Im 21 good) SARBARON 1356 17 for 12 to Gerdisses in maiden at Lingfield (Im 21 good) ARBARON 1356 17 for 12 to Gerdisses in maiden at Lingfield (Im 21 good) ARBARON 1556 17 for 12 to Gerdisses in maiden at Lingfield (Im 21 good) ARBARON 1556 17 for 12 to Gerdisses in maiden at Lingfield (Im 21 good)

### COURSE SPECIALISTS

JOCKEYS Rates 164 154 99 40 23 106 61 26.2 73 26.0 25 24.0 40 22.5 27 18.5 167 17.4 Pat Eddery L Dettail J Reid S Sanders C Texpue G Carter

### Carter booked for Papua

day handed his first ride in the Vodafone Derby on the Ian Balding-trained Papua. Carter will get reacquainted with his partner before the big race. He said: "I rode him in

GARY CARTER was yester- will be double-handed in the Epsom classic. "I will run Musaisal and The Fly, but no jockeys have been booked yet." Both colts are quoted at 33-1 by Ladbrokes. David Loder has decided

the Racing Post Trophy last year but I will probably go and sit on him this week."

not to run Apprehension, who was sixth in the Dante Stakes. The trainer said: "He'll probaand sit on him this week."

The trainer said: "He'll probably go to Royal Ascot instead."

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### Vickery inches closer to title

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

SHIRLEY VICKERY inched closer to her first women riders' title when partnering Snitton Stream to victory at the Exmoor meeting on Saturday.

At the same fixture, Butler John won the hunt race, his HERUN WIN THIS YEAR, AND HE IS 15 (6) 4003 RASTRISC CONNERS. 25 (7) D Norm 47-10 P Bradby (5) SS likely to take the Grand 16 (10) 5305 SECONDS AWAY 14 (N) J Goldie 6-7-10 Jenny Benson (5) 68 Marnier Trophy, given to the season's most successful horse in point-to-points. Grimley Gale could still draw level, but Butler John's one fourth placing would count in a tie.

Vickery's rise to the top has taken place over a number of years, but she is now regarded as one of the best women amateurs in the country. High-quality conveyances such as Arctic Chill, the national young horse champion, and Grimley Gale, the national mares champion, have eased her path to the title but she is not afraid to take spare

rides on lesser talents. Snitton Stream's three runs this year, before Saturday, had involved three different riders and form figures of FPP. The seven-year-old had shown fleeting glimpses of promise and was overdue a decent run. What Vickery brought to the equation was

### RICHARD EVANS

Nap: PURIST (5.15 Leicester) Next best: Well Warmed (3.15 Leicester)

confidence and a belief that every ride is a possible winner. Those who back such riders blindly enjoyed a 12-1 victory by Snitton Stream, who is trained near Buckfastleigh by Miranda Bragg. Incidentally. Bragg's horses will be able to race at a very local venue next season when the former Buckfastleigh racecourse is reopened as a point-to-point

venue after 21 years.

Vickery's win took her to 29
and a lead on Saturday of
three over Pip Jones. The season's final meeting takes place at Umberleigh, in Devon, next Saturday.

RESULTS: EXMOOR (Bratton Down): Hunt: 1, Butter John (Miss J Cumings, 1-6 tav); 2, Bergain And Salo; 3, Charmers Wish, 4 ran, BFSS: 1, Earl Boon (T Mitchell, 4-9 fav); 2, Milled Oets, 3, Staney France 5, ran, Intermediate 1, Tangle Baron (Miss J Cumings, 5-1): 2, Link Copper; 3, Times And A Haiff. 10 ran, Ledies 1, Ryme And Run (Miss L Blackford, 11-10 tav), 2, Dopartun, 3, Roof Lark, 5 ran, Mem's Open 1, Fosbury (T Mitchell, 1-6 tav), 2, Arble Merch; 3, Romany Arme 5 ran, Open Midn: 1, Sutton Stream (Miss 5 Vickery, 12-1); 2, Barnan Powethouse, 3, Creedy Valley, 12 ran.

ran.
YSTRAD TAF FECHAN (Bassalog) Hunt.
1, Sweet Kildare (J. P. Keon. 2-5 tay). 2.
Lennie The Lion. 2 ran. Reat. 1, Celbo
Blosme (Miss B. Barton, 5-6 tay); 2. Top.
Tor. 2 ran. Confined: 1, Behn Mohr (E.
Williams, 2-7 tay); 2. Rusty Music. 3,
Cornish Cossack. 3 ran Mixed Open. 1,
Sterling Buck (M. FEZGerald, 1-8 tay); 2.
Olde Crescent; 2 ran. Intermediate: 1,
loccapade (E. Wallams, 7-4); 2. HowFriendly; 3, Dick's Cabin 5 ran. Open.
Midn: 1, Boddington Hill (I. Johnson, 11-10
fay); 2, Ruffinswick, only 2 limished, 6 ran.

### HAMILTON PARK

2.30 Sue Me. 3.00 Sun In The Morning. 3.30 Pekay. 4.00 Demolition Jo. 4.30 Campaspe. 5.00 Normax

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH BEST SIS

### 2.30 EAST KILBRIDE APPRENTICE SERIES

HANDICAP (£2,808: 6f 5yd) (16 runners) 

-004 TERMON 12 (E) Miss I. Persitt 4-8-1 M Serople (5) 85 -000 DET 38 (V.C.I.F.C.) Miss I. Persitt 1-7-13 A Pull (3) 91 -003 RAGINAE COMMENT 48 C P. Persitt 1-7-13 Pull (3) 91

5-1 Imposh, 6-1 Commone Classit, 8-1 Tropical Beach, Sue Me, 10-1 Heavy The Hawk, Another Highliteare, Termon, 12-1 offers 3.00 BURNBANK CLAIMING STAKES

(2-Y-0: £2,430: 5f 4yd) (8) (8) 046 SEVENTH HEAVEN 15 J Berry 9-3.... T E Duncan (5) 97
(7) 051 SUN IN THE MORNING 7 (D.5) B Meetan 9-0 K Darkey (8) 06 DOCKLAMOS DISPATCH 7 N Trates 9-13. Non Troder (1) PERPONN R Fabry 8-13. Non Troder (7) — (4) 3243 FARRY DOMBNO 2 (SF) M Charleon 8-12 P P Morphy (3) 98 JASS RIVER 25 P Evens 8-11 ... J Figure (2) 61 MACHALDON 2 (D.F) W Kemp 8-7. P Fessey (3) 73 (6) MICHELEE P Evens 8-4. L Character — 2-1 Sun in The Morning, 3-1 Seventh Heaven, 4-1 Mediathu Don, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

## TRAINERS: R Fahey, 3 womers from 8 numers, 37.5%; J Pearce, 3 from 8, 37.5%; T Emerington, 3 from 11, 27.3%; M Meade, 3 from 12, 25.0%; M Johnston, 28 from 164, 17.1%, JOCKEYS: J Westver, 38 winners from 148 note, 57%, K Darley, 43 from 213, 20.2%, K Sked, 4 from 24, 16.7%, T Williams, 11 from 83, 13.3%

THUNDERER 6.30 Double Rush. 7.00 Princess Of Hearts. 7.30 Triple Hay. 8.00 Fast Tempo. 8.30 Elly Fleetfoot. 9.00 Shirazan.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.30 Yorkie George.

TFLECOMMUNICATIONS (£3,051: 1m 2l) (25 runners)

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

TRANSERS: G Wiagg, 5 winners from 23 numers, 21.7%, R Hamon, 35 from 221, 15.8%, P Walvers, 5 from 32, 15.6%, C Walt, 5 from 36, 13.6%, P Cole, 9 from 66, 13.6%, T Mills, 3 from 22, 13.6%, JOCKEYS: Pat Eddey, 40 winners from 179 ndes, 22.3%, L Deton, 25 from 129, 21.0%, Matthe Dayer, 5 from 29, 17.2%, 7 Ourins, 19 from 149, 12.8%, D Holland, 7 from 60, 11.7%

3.30 SUNDAY MAIL HANDICAP

(Qualifier: £3,420: 1m 1f 36yd) (8) (5) 40-8 COMIC'S FITURE 16 J J O'Nell 4-8-4 \_\_\_\_\_ J F Egan (1) 6030 SWEET NOTE 14 Mess L Perak 3-7-12 ... IN Kennedy (5) (2) 0022 NOBRY BANNES 8 (D.F.) E tecks 8-7-10 ... Y Tecks 94 (4) 0000 WESTERN VENTURE 16 (7) R McKellar 4-7-10 J Barrahil (5) 90 (7) 0500 RAPIO MOVER 18 (8,C.S) D Noka 10-7-10 ... P Bradley (7) 88

### 2-1 Pekey, 5-2 Principal Boy, 9-2 Nobby Barnes, 13-2 Energy Man, 8-1 Sweet Note, 16-1 Corole's Future, 20-1 Wastern Venture, Rapid Mover 4.UU MANDORA MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

(Qualifler: 2-Y-0: £2,526: 6f 5yd) (11) | IET: Z=1-U: Z=2,5C: OI SYU] [11]

50 SMAPPY TIMES 7 M Dods 8-11 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ T Williams

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962 FIVE OF SPADES 29 D Hicholfs 8-9 \_\_\_\_\_ Alex Grazers

JICHR REOWNDER MISIC M Johnston 8-8 \_\_\_\_ J Wisewer

JUST ANOTHER TIME J Berry 8-7 \_\_\_\_\_ T E Doscan (5)

2 JACSMAR 25 Miss L Perrat 8-6 \_\_\_\_\_ R Kennedy

2 MISS DUNIGEROUS 9 M Charpon 8-3 \_\_\_\_ P P Misphy (3)

0. SCOTICH TIME - 18.R Fahrey 8-3 \_\_\_\_\_ R Windston (7)

22 DEMOLITION JO 7 P Evans 8-2 \_\_\_\_\_ J F Egan

864 MARSKE MACHINE 18 R Tinder 8-2 \_\_\_\_\_ Date Siberor

40 SCENE 27 M Massde 8-0 \_\_\_\_\_ F Rotton

1 Demonstrus 4-1 Demokation In 9-2 First Of Scrates 7-1 Jacobs

### 4.30 RAMILLES LIMITED STAKES

☐ Needle Gun, trained by Clive Brittain and ridden by Brett Doyle, finished third in the group two Grosser Preis der Wirtschaft at Baden-Baden yesterday.

### WINDSOR

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

DRAW. SF-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST 6.30 STORACALL

TFLECOMMUNICATIONS (£3,051: 1m 2l) (25 tunders)

1 0215 FARY KNOCHT 16 (0.BF.F.G.S) R Hamon 5-10-0 Pat Eddery 1
2 0002 CARBURTON 7 (7.5) J Glover 4-9-10 N Day 3
3 40-0 GLESSTMARTON 10 (0.F.65.S) J Pacers 8-9-5 C Tagang (3) 17
4 0002 GALDBLID 14 (6) Me P Dutled 4-9-5 Arms Cook (5) 5
5 45-6 BALLYRANTER 16 (C.C.D.F.6.S) H Collingstige 8-9-2 Dainn 4
6 4302 BACRES DALGHTER 18 (C.C.D.F.6.S) H Collingstige 8-9-2 Dainn 4
6 4302 BACRES DALGHTER 18 (C.C.D.F.6.S) H Collingstige 8-9-2 Dainn 4
6 4302 BACRES DALGHTER 18 (C.D.F.6.S) H Collingstige 8-9-2 Dainn 4
6 4302 BACRES DALGHTER 18 (C.D.F.6.S) H Vand 5-9-1 Martin Dwyer (3) 19
7 6056 FATHER DAN 18 (C.D.F.6.S) H Vand 5-9-1 M J G'Connor 10
8 0-00 WARDTEN HOLLY 18 D Examble 4-9-0 R Hydre 2
9 -000 KRESTAL BREEZE 10 (C.D.F.6.S) H Motes 7-8-9 Arms Sanders (5) 17
10 00-2 MOSPROB 14 (C.D.F.6.S) R Hodge 7-8-9 Arms Sanders (5) 17
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# Millar a nugget from Scotland | Holmes forced to show

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ONCE in a while a promising young cricketer announces himself in a flurry of runs which prompt knowing nods of the head by schoolmasters. One such boy is Neil Millar, to, a cornerstone of the Fettes College first XI in Edinburgh for the past two years. Schools cricket, indeed

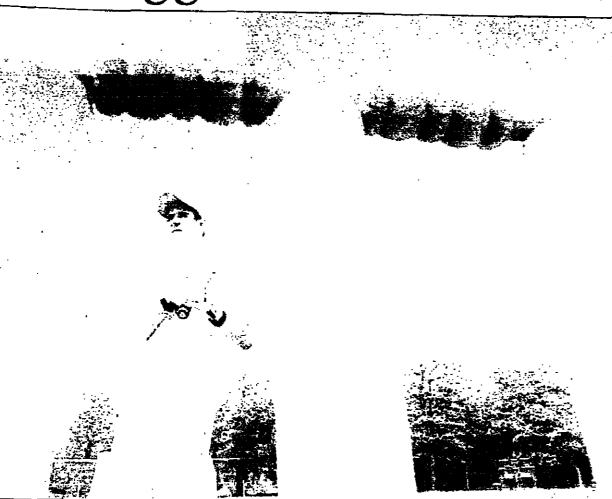
cricket in general, is not strong in Scotland, but Millar hopes to change that. Last year, in an unbeaten season, during which Fettes beat an English school, Monekton Coombe, for the first time in many years, Millar averaged 86.7 in school matches. He scored 781 runs, including eight half-



centuries (one of them against MCC), and an unbeaten century against Edinburgh Academy and was awarded his colours. After four matches this term, he is averaging 55.6.

Jamie Frost, the cricket master at Fettes who leaves at the end of term for a new job in Malaysia, described Millar, a right-hander who bats at No 3, as "one of the best prospects to come out of Scotland in ten years. He is a natural with a very good eye. He has all the shots and is strong off the back and front foot. He is also very good at

Millar, the son of a Scottish father and English mother, grew up in London and learnt his cricket under the watchful eye of Richard Boddington, a



Millar, a student at Fettes College, has been recommended to Surrey as a cricketer of great potential

master at Wellesley House preparatory school. Broadstairs, a school with rich

sporting traditions As a talented all-rounder. Millar also plays for the rugby union first XV, at stand-off half, the hockey first XI and enjoys squash, fives and foorball. He is studying Latin. Greek and History at A-level and hopes to read Classics at Oxford University. If he maintains his progress, a cricket career is a distinct

possibility, and he has been

recommended to Surrey by

Jim Love, the Scotland coach.

Millar, an admirer of Surrey cricketers Graham Thorpe and Adam Hollioake, is also a promising fast-medium bowler and has represented Scotland at under-to and

under-19 level. He said: "I had a sound grounding in technique and good coaches at prep school, although while I was there I was overshadowed by Alex Loudon, the current England Under-16 captain. It was an exceptional year, with boys who have gone on to captain Harrow. Tonbridge and

Millar displays innate maturity and leadership qualities. "In my year I am a strong character, but I try to avoid arrogance at all costs," he said. "Fettes is traditionally a rugby school with cricket one of the summer sports. That is starting to change. Cricket is

contributed. "I like to help others and a lot of players here lack confidence. They are great players in the nets, but get overawed

more high-profile. We are a

more positive team than we

were two years ago and I would like to think I have

out in the middle. There aren't many, what I call, proper cricketers, people who know

the game. There are plenty of people who play it well, but don't know it - by that I mean fielding positions, shot selection, things like that. People don't know much about technique of the game.

I don't want to sound arrogani, but everyone in my prep school knew as much as I do. but, in Edinburgh. people don't know much about what the game of cricket is

### **Decision day for Derby**

### **Rampant Germany** outclass England

HOCKEY

By Sydney Friskin

THE Fooland men's suffered a crushing 5-1 defeat by Germany in Duisburg on Saturday, prompting Sean Kerly to describe the Germans as "probably the strongest side in the world today".

Kerly who, with Dick Clarke, was in charge of the team for the first time, added: They spread the ball around intelligently and their finishing was superb. It was quite an exprience for Dick and I to be blooded into a side that had not played together and we learnt a lot from it."

Despite the absence of Donke, their injured centre forward, the Germans established a 4-0 lead in 47 minutes with successful strikes by Michel and Bechmann from short corners followed by goals from Streich and Kurtz. before Lee scored for England off the rebound from a short corner by Giles. Bechmann wrapped up the match with a brilliant solo run that ended in

the fifth goal. England had lost 5-1 to Germany at the Irish centenary tournament in Dublin in 1993 but had beaten them 3-2 at the same venue in 1995.

the European retain championship.

With the return of Garcia.

who was unavailable for this match. England expect to present a stronger front for the four-nations tournament to be played in Holland from June 12. The opposition will be provided by Holland, Pakistan and South Africa. Before that, England will play Holland at Gröningen on June 10.

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☐ The Great Britain women's team lost 1-0 to Holland in their opening match in the Champions Trophy in Berlin. Ellen Kuipers scored from a breakaway move after 17 minutes. For Britain. Lucilla Wright found the net from a penalty corner but the effort was disallowed because it was too high. Korea provide the opposition for Britain in their second match today.

was considered one of the great outings for East End factory workers, it was claimed that more than a quarter of a million people flocked to Epsom Downs each decline, eclipsed in popularity by the Grand National, Ascot and the Cheltenham festival, and by the early part of this decade the crowd had fallen

United Racecourses (UR). the owners of Epsom, decided that something had to be done. So, two years ago, the momentous decision was made to move the Derby from its traditional race day of Wednesday to Saturday. Yet the traditionalists who bemoaned the move may yet win the day, because UR is coming under pressure to move the race back to its midweek spot.

as low as 51,600.

UR's logic in moving from Wednesday seemed eminently sensible at the time. In the years, before the Second World War, factories often gave their workers a day off for the Derby and, in some areas, this practice continued well into the 1970s. The television audiences, which help the bookmakers to generate a wave of betting excitement, cannot be delivered for a midweek race. And the Derby. which was usually being won

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by a horse with an Arab name, difficult to pronounce, was not generating the same sort of widespread excitement as the National.

The move coincided with the signing of a sponsorship deal with Vodafone, which is providing more than £2 million a year for the Derby meeting, which includes the Oaks and the Coronation Cup. But it has not really worked. UR did not promote the Derby well in its first Saturday year, and the attendance was just 54,266. Last year, the race coincided with Euro 96 and the crowd reached 56,253.

The target this year is at least 60,000, and UR knows that it is enucial to deliver because it is in danger of losing the Vodafone sponsorship. Also, the bookmakers are now pressing for a move back to Wednesday as they have seen a fall in betting turnover for the race.

The Vodafone deal was for three years and was partially prompted by the love for racing of the group's founder, Sir Ernest Harrison. But. earlier this year, Vodafone signed a £13 million agreecricket team for five years. Vodafone, of course, is a big

enough company to afford two large sponsorships. But it is wondering whether to renew the Derby deal because it is not sure it is getting good value. One of the deciding factors could be the size of Saturday's audience. UR is feeling confident at

the moment. Bookings for the open-top bus sites that line the course are up by 40 per cent and advance ticket sales, buoyed by a two-for-one offer from Vodaphone as well as a large amount of ancillary promotional work, are up 70 per cent. But, as the Derby is one of the few races you can watch for free - there is no entrance fee for pedestrians going onto the hill - many decide on the day whether to

turn up. he most critical factor this vear could be the weather. If it stavs as it has been recently, the outlook is bright. Poor weather will make it a rainy day in more ways than one for the Derby.

# his mettle at Hoylake

BY MEL WEBB

Slaley Hall on July 1, and the

Southern Tour moving on to

Hever with its daunting 644

The Tour is staging a short

series of girls events this

summer with a view to open-

ing up a fully-fledged tour next

season. The next competition

for them will be at Chartham

Park in West Sussex on Au-

gust 12, and players who are

interested in playing - they

should have been under 18 on

January I this year and have a

handicap of 18 or less should write for an entry form

yard 17th hole, on July [].

THE youngsters playing in the second event of the Northern division of the Daihatsu Junior Golf Tour at Royal Liverpool had nothing for which to reproach themselves for scores that soared into the eighties. The conditions on the Wirral peninsula were dreadful - 35mph winds, lashing rain, cold - and the field deserved a good deal of praise for merely playing 18 holes. Many of the less sturdy

teenagers in the event had trouble standing up, let alone trying to propel a golf ball in the direction of greens that were lightning fast.

The event was won James Holmes, a one-handicapper from Crewe Golf Club. who claimed his second victory on the Tour with an 82. Holmes, 18 said afterwards that he could not recall ever hitting the ball better, and it was easy to believe him.

Another fine performance from Simon Meneer, 15, who plays off seven at South Moor. earned him a joint runner s-up finish with Graeme Bowerbank, of Windermere, and Chris Trott, whose local knowledge - he plays at the host club - did not give him any great advantage in the conditions. They were all a

shot behind. The Tour, being run with sponsorship from Daihatsu. the Japanese car manufacturer, in association with The Times, continued with the second tournament in the Southern division at Foxhills. where the conditions could not have been more different than those that had prevailed at

Deray Simon, 59, of the United States: collected his first title in eight years on the European Seniors Tour when he produced a closing 74 for a six-shot victory in the Philips PFA Golf Classic at St Pierre yesterday. Tommy Horton struggled in with 77 for second place on 218.

Hoylake. The weather was balmy with scarcely a trace of wind, and the scores reflected the improvement. The tournament was won by Duncan Hodgson, a five-handicap ieniber ol Elni Club, who shot a level-par 72 for his maiden Tour victory.

The highlight of his round was a holed second shot on the 352-yard dogleg 8th for an eagle two. He needed that stroke of good fortune, for he won by only one shot from Jason Levermore, an Essex county player from Clacton. who was apparently heading for victory until he dropped a

shot on the last hole. James Hunt, only 15 and a member of Hazelmere, was third on 74, one stroke ahead of a group of four that comprised Richard McEvoy (Thorpe Hall), Warren Wood (Rochester and Cobham), James Rodwell (Camberley Heath) and Kevin Smith (Barton-on-Sea), who made sure that the divisional order of merit remained a tightly bunched affair after

rounds. The boys now take a short break from the Tour, many of them swapping golf for examiget under way again. The next National Tour event is at Hillside on June 30, with the JASON NISSÉ | Northern Tour resuming at

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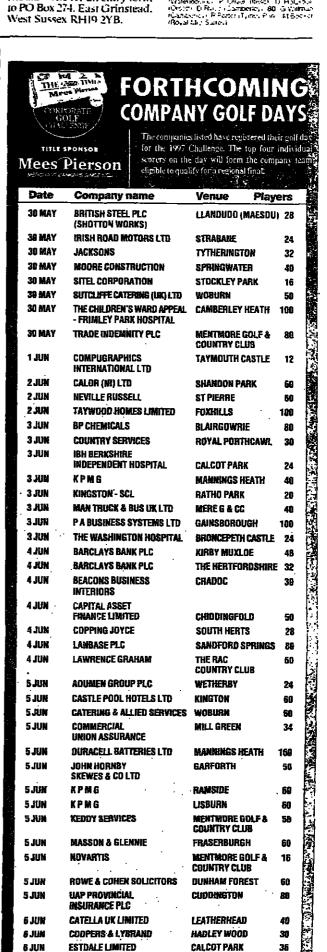
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RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SEVEN MEETINGS Newmarket Going: good to him

2.10 (1m) 1, Family Man (D Hamson, 11-4 lay); 2, Orsay (5-1), 3, Alpine Hideaway 16-1), 11 ran 3, in 1, Fanchawe Tote 23-40, £1-40, £2-10, £4-10 DF £12-50 Tno: £154-00 CSF £13-73 Tincasi £162-50 2.40 (6) 1. Cape Verdi (J Reid, 8-13 lav). 2. Trans Island (12-1). 3. Way Out Yonder (25-1). 12 ran. NR: Tumbleweed Hero 2, 11. P. Chepple-Hyam. Tole: £1.90. £1.10, 25.50, £4.90. DF; £8.40. Tno £71.90. CSF-£10.09

3.10 (5) 1. Literary Society (S Sanders, 13-2); 2. Twice As Sharp (6-1), 3. Gone Savage (5-1) Bowden Rose 9-2 lav 11 (5-1) J Totler Totle 17-70, 12-20, 12-40, 11-60 DF 131-90, Two 140-30 CSF 138 13 Tricart, 1195-82 2.40 (6) 1. Blue Gobbin (L Delton, 11-10 (av); 2. Connemora (14-1); 3. Sharp Hat (7-1); 12 ran. 2b), 1±l. L Cuman. Tote: 220 £130, 53.70. E270 DF: 220 £0 Thor; £51.90. CSF; £21.02. Thorast £88.34 115 (51 1), Nightbird & Delton, 2-1 ji-lay), 2, Eiggart Warning (2-1 ji-lay); 3, Wildwood Flower (8-1) 9 ran 351, 351 Sacel bin Surroir, Tole: 22.80; E1.20, E1.40, E2.80 DF 22.80 Tino £15.70 CSF £5.48

4.45 (1m) 1, The Prince (A Clark, 4-7 tay), 2, Bombazne (7-1); 3, Easy Song (33-1) 8 ran NR, Frie Mayor, 191, 3; G Whagq Tote: 21-60; CT 10, C1 50, C4.00. OF C4.30 Trio £40.90. CSF; £5.14. 

Jackpot: £703.60. Placecol: 925.90 Quadpot: £3,20. Lingfield Park Going: good to firm (firm in places) 1.45 (5) 1, Contrary Mary (A Whislan, 2-1 lay); 2, Dim Ols (100-30), 3, Brandon Frant (9-1) 11 ran, 6, 11 G Lewis Toli: 12.00; 11.10, 11.40, 12.90, DF 12.20 Tho 11.90 CSF: 11.40, 11.40

2.15 (6) 1, Kilcullen Lad (W.J.O.Connor, 4-1 tevt, 2. Thwasb (11-2); 3, So Integnd (10-1) 10 ran Shihd, 39-1, P.Moonov Tole-64 60: £150, £180, £3.30, DF, £14.60 Tho £75.20 CSF: £23.11 Tricast £185.60

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3.50 (fm 31 106yd); 1. Tautan's Melody (R Cochrane, 2-5 fav), 2. Nebhaan (9-1), 3. Prospector's Cove (20-1), 4 ran NR Captain Horabus NR, 151 Lady Hernes, Tote C1 80, DF: 21 20 CSF- 21, 83 4.25 (7) 140yd 1, Nwamms (R Hills, 10-11 lav). 2, Tumbleweed Fidgo (11-4); 3, Russian Music (7-2) 5 ran 31, 2%, J. Dunlop Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £2.10. DF. £2.90 CSF-£3.57 4.55 (7t) 1, Bollas Gate Boy (Mrs L Pearce,

4.35 (7) F, Barjasan (2-1 lay): 3. Apreler 6, 7-1), 2. Marjasan (2-1 lay): 3. Apreler 6, (7-2): 11 can NR: Forget To Romindme 1.1, nl. J Pearce Tote: 93 50, 51 90, 51 40, 51 50. DF: 925 20. Thro: 519 80. CSF-921 45. Tincast \$60.05 Placepot £183.70. Quadpot £110.20. Catterick Bridge 2.00 1, Pigeon (6-1), 2, Final Claim (7-1), 3 Hopelully (11-10 fav), 9 ran

3.05 1, Rechutlin (5-1), 2, Nent Y Garner (10-1), 3, Magic Mil (10-1), Gull Shaedi 5-2 lav 10 ran 3.35 1. Stackattack (11-4); 2, Jedi Knighl (14-1); 3, Komlucky (12-1). Comiche Quest (14-1); 3, Romiticay (12-1), Common Cooks 5-2 lav. 11 am 4.10 1, Nigel's Lad (1-3 lav), 2 Cloud Inspector (8-1), 3, Mursayas (12-1), 6 ran 4.40 1, Rum Lad (10-11 lav), 2, Chnonolagain (33-1); 3, Rocka-roundhectock (11-2) 6 ran NR Little

2.35 1, Woodbeck (11-8 fav), 2, Yabini El Sultan (2-1); 3, Mystique Av (5-1) 9 ran

Kempton Park **6.25** 1, Shaheen (1-3 lav), 2, Salin Stone (12-1); 3, Mr Sponge (33-1), 17 ran

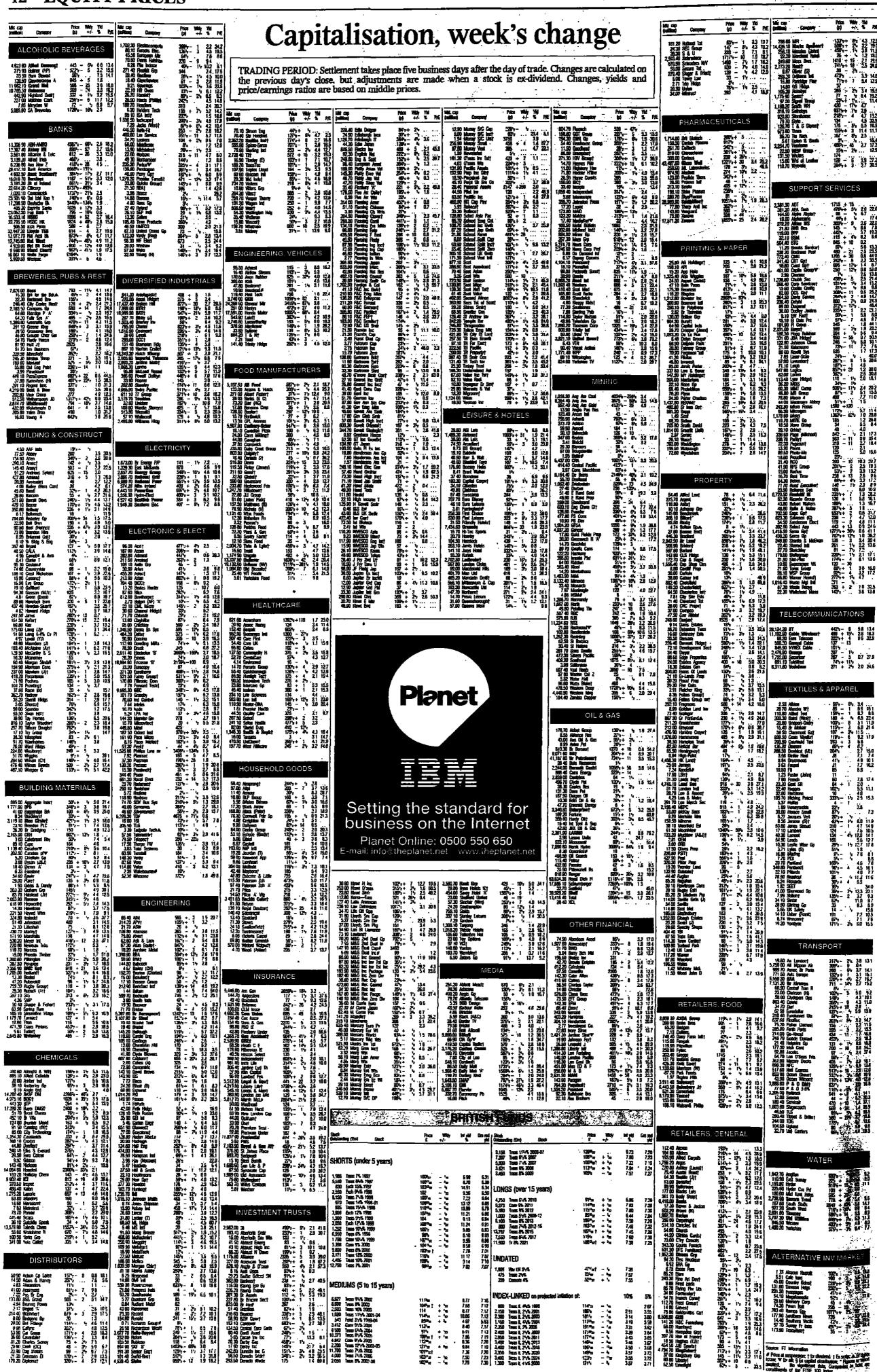
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6.55 1, Vola Via (4-1); 2, Anal-Ku (100-30);

3, Piquant (8-1) Press On Nicky 3-1 lav 10 ran, NR; North Reel, Suportor Force 7.25 1, Karser Kache (12-1), 2, Undercover Agent (15-8 lav), 3, Shalatavholy (7-1), 14 ran

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8.35 (Cumberland Blues (11-8 fa.) 2 Indie Rock (9-2) 3 Kambalda Rambier (9-2) 10 ran 9.05 1, Rushen Raider (5-1), 2, Fresh Fruit Deily (8-11 ray); 3, Saveretsle Lad (11-2), 8, ran, NR, Alpheton Prince



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### RESULTS AND STATISTICS

### TODAY

Interims: Methven's, Murray Emerging Economies Trust, SDX Business Systems. Finals: Filofax Group, Lanica Trust, Northumbrian Fine Foods, 600 Group, South Staffordshire Water, Wyndeham Press. Economic statistics: UK provisional Mo money supply (May), UK net new consumer credit (April), UK finil, UK Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply purchasing managers survey (May), French unemployment (April), US personal income and spending (April), US construction spending (April), US National Association of Purchasing Managers index for May.

### TOMORROW

Interims: Apollo Metals, Crabtree, Hawtin, MEPC, Toy Options, Finals: Belhaven Brewery, Dairy Crest, De La Rue, Incepta Group, National Grid, Racal Electronics, Vodafone Group. Economic statistics: UK official re-serves (May), BTM/Schroder weekly chain store data, US leading economic indicators for April, API weekly oil sup-

### WEDNESDAY

Interims: Blick, Heals, NFC, Warner Estate Holdings. Finals: Allied Colloids, British Energy, Caffyns, Dunedin Enterprise, Greencore Group, Powerscreen Inter-national, Readicut Inter-Southern Electric. Economic statistics: UK Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply services sector index (May), US factory orders (April).

### **THURSDAY**

Interims: Bradstock Group, Inspec Group. Finals: Airsprung Furniture, Boots, Hambro Insurance, Pilkington, Powell Duffryn, Hambro Railtrack, 3i Group. Economic statistics: UK new construction orders (April), UK CBI distributive trades survey (May), French pro-visional GDP (Q1), US weekly jobless claims.

### FRIDAY Interims: none scheduled.

Finals: Park Food Group. Economic statistics: UK construction output (Q1).



# Railtrack on line for maiden 22p

RAILTRACK: Maiden full-year figures on Thursday will no doubt provide further food for thought to John Prescon, Deputy Prime Minister, one of whose chores is to keep a beady eye on the transport industry,

NatWest Securities, the broker, is forecasting a 17 per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £261 million to £305 million, while earnings are expected to grow by 15 per cent, from 44.4p to 51p.

Overall, the figures are expected to reflect a combination of improvements in operating per-formance, profitability and higher levels of investment. Better management will have seen internal costs and maintenance charges drop by up to 3 per cent per annum.

Shareholders should be rewarded with a 7 per cent increase in the dividend to 22p.

NATIONAL GRID: Brokers will pay close attention to fullyear results tomorrow, which mark the last set of figures before the tougher new regulatory regime on pricing.

An 8 per cent increase in the dividend to 11.13p was forecast at the time of the group's flotation in 1995. The drop in pre-tax profits from £616.5 million to £591.6 million will also be largely factored in and reflects the new financial structure that will include the injected debt of the regional electricity companies and the loss of the pumped storage generation business.

The focus of attention now switches to the level of provisions required to make the group more efficient under the new regime. Brokers will also be looking for reduced losses from Energis, which topped £72.8 million in 1995-96.

BOOTS: The shares have been buoyed ahead of Thursday's fullyear figures by reports that the group is contemplating a fresh share buyback operation.

Richard Ratner at Mees-Pierson says such a move is possible, but points out that after the last buyback, which saw the group spend more than £500 million, the price fell sharply and

Figures presented by Sir Robert Horton, chairman of Railtrack, will interest John Prescott the lost ground. Even so, he is looking for a solid performance from the retailer this time round and is forecasting pre-tax profits of E535 million against E493 million in 1995. Earnings per share are also expected to grow from 34.4p to 39.2p. The figures will be marked by solid performances from retail and health care, while Halfords will have proved disappointing.

The payout should grow from 18.5p to 20.1p.

BRITISH ENERGY: These will has taken a long time to make up be the first full results since the downturn when the group re-

company was floated last year and comparisons are difficult. But with output up by around 10 per cent, brokers are looking for maiden pre-tax profits on Wednesday of £60 million. That compares with the equivalent of a £155 million deficit the previous year. Earnings a share of 5.1p are forecast, compared with a loss of 22.1p previously. A dividend of 13.7p has been forecast.

RACAL ELECTRONICS: After a series of profit warnings brokers are braced for a profits

ports full-year figures tomorrow. At the pre-tax level NatWest is forecasting £55.5 million, a reduc-

tion of 15 per cent on the £65.5 million in the previous year. although Henderson Crosthwaite is looking for £60 million. Earnings will also be down from 14.8p to around 12.5p. The setback is due to heavy

losses at Racal's data products division and a loss-making second-half performance from Radio Communications. The payout should be pegged at 6p.

VODAFONE: By contrast, the

ITC may split digital

is expected to post a solid performance when it unveils full-year figures tomorrow. These should show pre-tax profits up from £467.9 million to £495 million. with earnings a share 7 per cent

ahead at 10.7p.

The bulk of the improvement will be attributed to overseas growth, where revenues will be 45 per cent higher, and last year's operating loss of £27 million will be replaced by a profit of £15

Shareholders should be amply rewarded with a 20 per cent rise in the dividend to 4.8p.

PILKINGTON: Full-year figures on Thursday come hard on the heels of last month's boardroom shake-up that saw the departure of Roger Leverton as chief executive. The results themselves are unlikely to contain much in the way of surprises, with brokers already forecasting a drop in pre-tax profits from £212 million to £130 million.

The deterioration in earnings will be even greater, down by 63 per cent from 13.9p to 5.1p. Demand in Europe should have remained steady, with the real problem stemming from pricing in the first quarter of 1997. It is hoped the dividend will be maintained at 5p.

SOUTHERN ELECTRIC: As one of the few remaining independent regional electricity companies, these full-year figures on Wednesday are expected to be overshadowed by the forthcoming Budget and the prospect of a windfall tax.

Southern is reputed to be one of the most efficient companies in the electricity industry, although brokers maintain there is still scope for improvement. The second review has led to a sharp fall in distribution profits, although costs will also be down.

Profits at the pre-tax level are likely to have receded by around £33 million, or 12 per cent, to £260 million, with earnings a share 10 per cent lower at 42.6p. Despite this the balance sheet remains strong and there should be scope for a 3 per cent rise in the payout

### **ECONOMIC OUTLOOK**

### First test for **Brown vision**

ordon Brown's brave new world faces its first big test this week when the Bank's Monetary Policy Committee assembles on Thursday. There is still a great deal of uncertainty about how the new MPC will function, especially as the outside members have not been named. Most economists think the committee will hold back from raising rates until after the Budget, but the Bank might be tempted to demonstrate its independence by forcing through another quarterpoint rate rise on Friday.

There is little other economic data in the UK this week, with only the monetary statistics today for the market to digest. MMS International, the economic forecasting company, predicts that M0 will have grown by 6.6 per cent in May, up from 6 per cent in April. Consumer credit is forecast to show growth of £1.1 billion. compared with £780 million in April.

In the US elation at the Federal Reserve Board decision to pass on a rate rise two weeks ago is wearing off and the market is becoming nervous ahead of the next meeting in a month. The crucial employment data for May is published on Friday and is expected to show the economy rebounding from a weak April. Non-farm payrolls are forecast to show strong growth of 210,000 compared with 142,000 in April, while hourly earnings are predicted to rise by 0.4 per cent, compared with April's 0.1 per cent fall.

In Germany the main focus will be on the row between the Government and Bundesbank over gold revaluation with Hans Tietmeyer, the bank's president, due to address the parliamentary committee exploring the subject on Thursday. Manufacturing data on Wednesday should show the real economy is beginning to improve. April manufacturing output figures are expected to show a rise of 0.4 per cent compared with 0.2 per cent in March. But unemployment is expected to tick higher after last month's fall.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

### **SUNDAY TIPS**

The Sunday Times: Buy European Tele-com, Dixons, ML Labs., Tamaris, Beaufort. Meggitt, Cussins Property. Independent on Sunday. Buy Halifax, Claremont Garments. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Medeva, Baldwin, Park Food, City Centre Restaurants, McLeod Russel. The Observer: Buy Zeneca; Sell Redland. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Plasmon, Merchant Retail Group; Sell Corporate Services Gp.

### Coopers racecard looks at Chancellor's options

### Budget web site calls the odds

COOPERS & LYBRAND, the accountancy firm, has started the race to predict the contents of the Chancellor's mini-Budget with a web site calling the odds on possible tax changes. The budget racecard, which opens on the Internet today, offers poor odds on a wide range of tax reforms, and if correct the losing punters could include homeowners,

The card puts Labour's. manifesto pledges such as the windfall tax and the abolition of relief on private medical insurance for the over-60s as racing certainties. These, with with the cut in VAT on fuel to 5 per cent and the introduction of the welfare to work programme, are odds-on favourites at 1 to 5.

shareholders and savers.

The racecard also backs the abolition or phasing-out of mortgage interest relief (Miras), and the restriction of relief on capital gains tax and inheritance tax. A cut in Advance Corporation Tax. which would hit non-taxpayers such as pension funds, is an equally strong runner. All of these measures could have a heavy impact on some individuais, and all are placed at odds

of 2 to 1. The reform of Tessas and Peps into an Individual Savings Account is a 3 to 1 bet, as are higher petrol excise duties. Worth a flutter at 4 to 1 is a 10 per cent starting rate of income tax, the restriction of pension tax relief to the basic rate and the widening of employee benefits in kind that are liable to

employers' National Insurance Contributions.

A two-tier capital gains tax, which would hit short-term gains, an alteration in income tax thresholds and increases in corporation tax, are quoted at 5 to 1.

In terms of personal tax, the outsiders are the removal of tax breaks on Venture Capital Trusts and the abolition of the married couples' allowance, though even these are only at 8 to I and I0 to I respectively. For businesses, 20 to 1 can be obtained on the introduction of a "green" tax, and 50 to 1 on a

rise in insurance premium tax. If the Coopers & Lybrand's racecard is to be believed, the Budget will be painful for many taxpayers. Peter Wyman, the head of tax,

believes his odds are fair. "The first Budget provides the Chancellor with the chance to Television Commission as put his stamp on the way the early as this week (Eric

Government wants the economy to be run," he said. ☐ The racecard can be found at ·hitp://www.uk.coopers. com/tax/budgetracecard.

win the right to broadcast digital TV in terrestrial form, a service that will make dozens of new channels available next year, will be announced by the Independent

Reguly writes). An announcement had been expected in late May, but difficulties in deciding which of the two bidders had the

television licences to have delayed the process. Speculation is mounting that the ITC could split the li-

cences between the two rivals. The race pits the Digital Terrestrial Network, owned by NTL, a US cable company, against British Digital Broadcasting, a group owned by Carlton, Granada and BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster that is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times.

### Six ideas for Shell's **Brent Spar platform**

SHELL will today receive six proposals on how to rehabilitate its discarded Brent Spar oil platform (Oliver August writes).

Contractors have spent five months working on the details of the proposals, which were submitted and shortlisted at the start of this year.
The plans include using the

platform as the foundation for a harbour quay in Norway and turning it into an

power plant or an artificial reef. Shell originally received proposals from 19 leading offshore contractors and consortiums. The only one immediately rejected was an idea to bury the Brent Spar in the seabed. Shell has said that using the Brent Spar is preferable to disposal. Shell abandoned its plan to sink the structure after protests in the UK and in Germany.

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# Agnostic approach to single currency urged



Pennant-Rea: adjustment plea

BRITAIN should pursue a strategy of "constructive agnosticism" towards a single currency although it faces formidable legislative and economic obstacles to joining monetary union early, a report pub-

lished today argues.

The report, produced by a panel of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) chaired by Rupert Pennant-Rea, finds that Brit-ain, unlike most other European countries, has made "virtually no moves forward" towards adopting the right policy framework for economic monetary union.

However, Mr Pennant-Rea. a former Deputy Governor of the outlook, published today, he ar-Bank of England, says the Government would be capable of prepar-

ing the ground for UK membership by early next century. He adds that even if Britain chooses to remain outside the single currency permanently, the Government will need to adjust its economic policies to take account of the impact of the arrival of monetary union.

The report is published as the dispute between the Bundesbank and the German Government over gold revaluation and the outcome of the French elections have threatened to derail the single currency

Bruce Kausman, European economist at JP Morgan, remains confi-dent that EMU is still on course to start in 1999. In his latest economic gues that while France and Germany may have lost some near-

Mr Kausman also predicts that Europe has now passed the high point of fiscal restraint, prompted by the need to meet the Maastricht critiera, and is in for a period of looser fiscal policy led by tax cuts next year. He believes that GDP growth is set to average about 2.7 per cent across Europe over the coming three years.

The CEPR report, The Ostrich and the EMU: Policy Choices Facing the UK, argues that to join a single currency in 1999 would involve trying to hit "too many targets relative to the instruments" available to the Government.

The Government would need to two necessary long-term adjust-establish full independence for the ments needed to ensure the UK

the EU, and significantly raise taxes to help to reduce the budget deficit and move towards running a budget surplus over the fiscal

The report says that it is likely to prove particularly difficult to hit a sensible exchange-rate level for joining a single currency before 1999. Early membership is also likely to prove a big stimulus to the economy, at a time when most economists fear that it will be overheating, as interest rates fall to the level of the rest of Europe and investors receive a big boost from a jump in gilt prices.

Mr Pennant-Rea also points to

term political battles, "they still have the wherewithal to win the UK economic cycle with the rest of single currency. The structural impact of interest rate changes will need to be altered because, at present, interest rate moves have a much faster impact on the UK than the rest of Europe, making the

country's economy more volatile. The Government will need to encourage the use of more fixed debt, including the abolition of mortgage interest rate relief, to bring the UK into line with the rest of Europe. The Government will also have to improve the automatic measures of "fiscal stablisation" as it will no longer control the levers of monetary policy. The report concludes that this will entail a significant tightening in fiscal policy in order to run a budget surplus and allow the flexibility to increase

the deficit in periods of economic downturn without breaking the 3 per cent deficit target.

But even if the UK stays out of a single currency, the UK will remain indirectly bound by the inflation and deficit targets of the single currency area and will need to take these into account in its making of economic policy to avoid a run on the country's assets. The report adds that Britain must be viewed as a "sympathetic out". committed to greater economic integration, rather than appearing to want only the benefits of the single market without sharing the obligations of single currency. If the UK pursued purely its own strategy it was likely to find itself increasingly discriminated against by the other European countries.

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### Quoted companies in intensive care

By CHRIS AYRES

AS MANY as 130 quoted companies went into financial intensive care" between 1995 and 1996 to rescue their businesses, a survey out today

The extent to which many quoted companies are failing to cope with the pressures of

being traded on the stock market is shown for the first time. Murdoch McKillop. vice-president of the Society of Practitioners of Insolvency, which carried out the survey. said: "in today's environment of low inflation and competition it's difficult to hide

anything.
"Companies have to try to

keep their share prices up and please shareholders. There is also a huge pressure on them to be seen to be performing."

total of 2,000 quoted and private companies with a combined turnover of hetween £22 billion and £25 hillion took emergency financial measures last year. According to the survey, the most common cause of failure caused by bad management.

Mr McKillop added: "Most cases of failure lie at management's door. It's their job to make sure that these things don't happen. Many managers are too confident or just rely on gut feelings."

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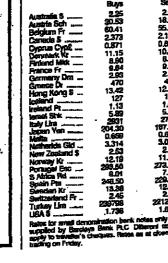
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# seeds Blair 'set to clinch deal on military aircraft'

By OLIVER AUGUST

TONY BLAIR, the Prime Minister, is believed to be negotiating a deal with the German Government that will secure the future of the UK's two foremost military aircraft developments and create 57,000 jobs. Under the deal, expected to be concluded on Friday, the

£45 billion Eurofighter and the Future Large Aircraft (FLA), a military transport aircraft, would get approval.

The deal would break a vear-long logiam. Hitherto. the German Government has failed to sign up to the Eurofighter and the UK Ministry of Defence has been reluctant to commit itself to the Airbus-built FLA.

The two countries' defence ministers will meet on Wednesday and could prepare the ground for an announcement on Friday. Insiders believe that a go-ahead before the Paris air show, which takes place a week later, would give the two governments a political boost. Both governments



Eurofighter: jobs boost

have come under intense pressure from manufacturers and unions to fully approve the two aircraft programmes.

According to British Aerospace, a partner on both aircraft, the FLA would create 35,000 jobs across Europe and the Eurofighter 250,000 About 20 per cent of these jobs would be created in Britain.

The Defence Ministry ordered 232 Eurofighters last year, but its military transporter requirement is at least partly met by Hercules C130 aircraft.

BAe said: "An FLA go-ahead would clearly be of great value to us. There is an enormous market in the next ten to 15 years to replace the C130. There is strong potential for export beyond the initial

European launch customers." In addition to the jobs boost BAe and other UK subcontrac tors would also profit from the new skills and technology associated with the launch of the FLA.

Germany and France, the other main FLA partner, have been campaigning to win UK approval for the FLA. Gunnar Simon, the German defence procurement chief, said that every day of delay was a danger to the FLA's future.

A go-ahead for the FLA programme would include a \$100 million work package. known as pre-launch activity. While European governments procrastinated on an FLA lecision over the past two years, the defence companies involved under the Airbus umbrella spent \$300 million to keep the programme going.

### **CHANGE ON WEEK**

### THE POUND

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### Scottish Media framing £100m Grampian bid

SCOTTISH MEDIA, the owner of Scottish Television. confirmed that it will bid about £100 million this month for Grampian Television, the small ITV company based in Aberdeen (Eric Reguly

The Barclay brothers, own-ers of the The Scotsman and Scotland on Sunday, were thought potential suitors, but Scottish Media is considered the only logical buyer because it can slash costs by combining the two ITV operations. Scottish Media will probably offer 320p a share against Grampian's Friday close of

265p.
There is also speculation that Granada is to bid for the 73 per cent of Yorkshire Tyne Tees Television that it does not already own.

### WORD WATCHING

(b) A people of Northern Albania: a member of this people, also their language. Byron. Childe Harold: Though they have some cavalry amongst the Ghegden. I never saw a good horseman." P. Dristoll, White Lie Assignment: "My method has kept me safe for twenty years against stupid Ghegs like him."

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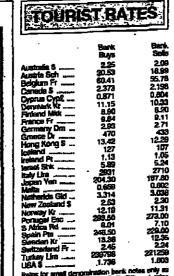
Lords Herschel, Astronomical Outlines, 1858: "Streaks more luminous than the rest called Faculae."

GAMBALOCKE (c) An Oriental riding coat. G. Sandys, 1625: "A man of small stature, clothed in a gambalocke of scarlet buttoned under the chin." Blount, 1674: "Gambalocke used in the Eastern countreys

(b) A Mexican sash. H. S. Merriman, Kedar's Tents, 1897: "Abont his person in the form of handkerchief and faja were touches of bright colour." Discovery, 1931: "The faja may be worn by either men or women, according to style and design."

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### he words "mini budget" con-jure up images of old Labour Time for Gordon Brown and financial crises, more redolent of 1970s gloom than the sunny first few months of new Labour. Yet in the mini budger, which we expect in a few weeks, Gordon Brown must be prepared to to spread a little gloom spread gloom by raising taxes.

imbalance in the economy. The

problem is simply that consumers

are having too good a time. There is

an easy treatment on offer - higher

interest rates. The trouble is that this

is the sort of physic which treats one

part of the body at the cost of causing

painful side-effects to another. For,

while consumer spending needs

some restraint, manufacturing in-

dustry is in the doldrums. Most of its

problems can be traced to the

excessively strong pound. If interest rates are raised further, the pound

will remain at current levels, or be

this argument. Suppose we eventually opt to join EMU. Our interest

rates are already double the German

level. If we are to avoid the conse-

quences of a sharp drop in rates on

joining EMU, then we should aim to

re-align to a policy which can

responsibly permit lower interest

But if we stay out of EMU, or if it

is delayed, there is the danger of a further sterling surge. For the

Bank to be able to counter this with

lower interest rates, consumer

rates. This means higher taxes.

There is also a European aspect to

pushed even higher.

The reason is well-known by now spending will have to be well under - the need to correct a sharp

Of course, it is impossible to hit exactly the right policy when economic developments are so uncertain. But Mr Brown should ask himself what harm would befall the economy if it proved that he had tightened fiscal policy too much. He would land up with a super-low, or even negative, public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR), and the scope for lower interest rates and a weaker pound. Would this be a bad What stands against higher taxes

are three weak arguments - two economic and one political. Some economists argue that there is no need to raise taxes because the PSBR is falling fast. But the essential argument for

higher taxes is not fiscal but economic, namely the need to redress the imbalance in the economy. Yet even in purely fiscal terms it would be short-sighted to over-emphasise the current borrowing numbers. The recent improvements come after some disappointingly high figures. It is only four years since the deficit was running at £45 billion. Given that the economy is in a strong



recovery phase, the PSBR should be low and falling.

The second economic argument is that fiscal policy should not be used for so-called fine-tuning. But raising taxes now does not necessarily mean tinkering with tax rates in a way that may subsequently be reversed. Rather. Mr Brown should correct anomalies and restructure the system in a way which makes medium-term sense. The abolition of mortgage interest tax relief is an obvious example. The existence of this relief owes nothing to economic sense and everything to political expediency. If it were abolished it would certainly not be reintroduced.

simply that Labour won the general election pledging not to increase the standard or higher rates of tax, and sharply criticising the Conservatives for promising lower taxes then promptly increasing them "22 times". If Labour were to increase them now it would squander a massive amount of public goodwill and support.

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It would be depressing in the extreme if this argument won the day. In 1990-92, the Conservatives lost control of spending and borrowing and their policies contributed to a very deep recession. Having sold themselves as the party of low taxes. they were then forced to raise them at precisely the time that people were reeling from the effects of the

If Mr Brown raised taxes now it would be in the midst of consumer strength, not in the teeth of the recession. It would not be to fund increased spending — a return to old Labour tax-and-spend policies — but to reduce borrowing. It would be made necessary not by Labour's mistakes but by the Conservatives. In these circumstances, voters are unlikely to feel berrayed in the way

that they did after 1992. More fundamentally, if the Government were to balk at taking the right course of action for fear of voter reaction it would be a betrayal of a deeper sort of trust.

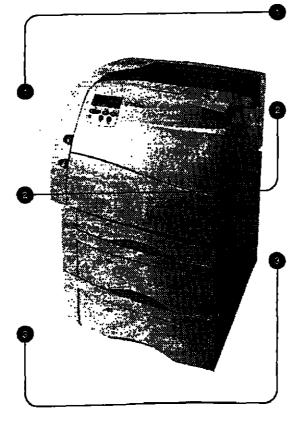
If a Government cannot do the right thing now, having just won a mandate that will probably last for two full terms, and operating with a massive parliamentary majority, when can it? Failure to act now could mean a worse fate later, including leaving interest rates to the mercy of Eddie George and the inflation hawks at the Bank, thereby risking the economic recovery and all of Labour's hopes.

The source of the Conservatives recent economic success, namely a competitive pound, had to be foist upon them by our exit from the ERM. Mr Brown should choose this himself without having it thrust upon him later by the markets. The Government can witter on about jobs initiatives and sustainable growth until the cows come home, but in the end it will do no good whatever if they get this macro issue

Every new Chancellor is an unknown quantity. So far Mr Brown has impressed nearly everyone by his boldness and decisiveness. Yet the forthcoming Budget presents Mr Brown with his supreme test, even though it comes so early in his Chancellorship. Will he grasp the nettle on tax or shy away from it? From this decision shall we know



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# Silence is golden in world of the computer calamity

**Tony Collins** on the hidden cost of failed

schemes to computerise

services

hen a dark-suited businessman collapsed on a dusty, crowded platform at West Croydon railway station, fate could not have chosen a worse place and time to strike. For this was 1992 when the capital's ambulance service was implementing an enterprising new computer system.

The aim of the project had been to fully automate and speed up the process whereby ambulances are dispatched to an emergency. Unfortunately for the businessman, the systems had been built within the constraints of an under-estimated budget and an overly demanding deadline. Yer the systems were representative of those commissioned in the private sector.

As the quivering figure lay on the concrete platform, one man ran to the station lobby where there was a bank of public telephones. He rang "900" and an operator answered promptly. "Ambulance ... quickly, please," begged the man.

"Just putting you through," said the operator. The phone rang twice, stopped and went silent: then ... Your call is in a queue. Please hold the line. We will answer you as soon as possible. Please be ready to give details of your exact location." It was a recorded message that continued for several minutes.

Incredulous that Britain's capital city would divert its 999" calls to an answerphone, the man left the receiver off the hook and used an adjacent phone. A minute later each of the telephone receivers was on the top of their coin boxes. surreally repeating automated messages at each other. A call using a third phone was also answered by tape. The man was not to know that the London Ambulance Service's new computer system had reduced staff to a state of ineffectual despair.

Although the ambulance never arrived the businessman recovered from his epileptic seizure. Others in the capital urgently needing an ambulance did not fare so well. Public service unions alleged later there had been several deaths as a result of delays in reaching hospital because London Ambulance Service's new computer systems had failed to call out ambulances in time. No link between the system's underperformance and the deaths was ever proved.

However, the repeated failures of the new systems led to the resignations of the service's chief executive and chairman. Yet neither of them. by general computer project management standards, was particularly culpable. To some extent they were victims of a widespread ignorance over the specific early warning signs of a computer disaster. This ignorance has nothing to do with a failure to acquire knowledge: more an inability to acquire such information even if it is sought.

Even in the computer industry, authentic testimonies on the specific causes of computer



Computerising the ambulance call-out system in London was fraught with difficulty

calamities are scarce. The reason is an obvious and understandable one: chief executives and their directors would rather not own up to

their mistakes. Even in polite company there are rarely any discussions about the exact events that led to a disaster. It is as if senior executives view technology failures as they would a close relative who has been permanently confined to a mental

institution. In some cases. where journalists have obtained some details of problems at particular sites, they

have been threatened with legal action. Similar sensitivities hide some of the specific details of government computer mistakes. The result of all this collective embarrassment over technology failures is that the generalised guidance that is available to chief executives and senior management on disaster-avoidance can prove difficult to apply to new, seemingly unique projects.

Inevitably, then, when commissioning multimillionpound systems, chief executives often plunge unknowingly into the same management pitfalls that have already en-

snared their peers. It is a very different picture to the one painted by industry icons such as Bill Gates, chairman of Microsoft, who frequently talks of the wonders of computers. By totalling the information technology disasters since 1980, as we have done in our book, Crash, one

6 One clear message is that new technology should not be left entirely to technologists **9** 

can see that, in the public sector alone, billions of pounds has been spent by UK taxpayers on seriously flawed or abandoned projects.

Exactly how much has been lost in the private sector is unknown but the Standish Group, the independent market researcher, has estimated that two thirds of computer projects fail. In one year in the US. \$81 billion was lost on aborted computer projects. So what are the common causes? Crash lists ten "deadly

sins" which are themes that recur in most, if not all. The disasters. overambition. Typically this means under-estimating the cost and over-estimating the benefits. For example Parliament was told that integrated computerisation of welfare benefits would cost UK taxpayers £713 million. When MPs expressed scepticism

about the figure, they were told by senior civil servants that, if anything, the costs would decrease as computer prices fell. In fact the systems ended up costing £2.6 billion. And

the promised 20,000 staff cuts never materialised. Today a further £! billion needs to be spent to realise the benefits of integrated welfare systems.

As with many computer projects, the welfare systems would have been judged a success if the anticipated benefits, at the beginning, had been halved and the costs calculated to the last penny and then tripled. The problem with doing such a calculation is that many projects would not be started if the real costs were

known at the outset. Arguably, however, it would be better to anticipate the real costs than to learn of them only when millions have been spent and the project must be aborted because funds have run out.

A further danger area is the tailoring of a proven software package. For example the London Stock Exchange sought to modify a US software package for the UK market but this led to regular exchanges of computer specialists between the supplier's offices in New York and the exchange in London. At one point it seemed that most of the project's computer pro-grammers were at 35,000ft over Nova Scotia.

One of the clearest message from case studies is that new technology should not be left entirely in the hands of the technologists. Often disasters happen because chief execu-tives who are in the best position to judge the progress of a scheme because they know nothing about computers, fail to intervene because they know nothing about computers.

n equal and opposite danger is the chief executive who knows Ltoo much about computers: the IT visionary.

There are also disasters caused by systems that have worked too well. For example the book distribution company Tiptree took 27 years to build up its reputation to become British Book Awards Distributor of the Year.

But it took only seven weeks, after problems with its computerised warehousing sys-tem, to become "probably the worst" distributor in the country. The systems worked perfectly but they were utterly unforgiving of human error. Once the Tiptree staff fed incorrect information into the systems, minor problems began to snowball. The problems were eventually resolved (at a price) and today Tiptree has a model system, which corroborates the theory that computer disasters can be a positive exercise if the business world learns from them.

Indeed, it is also useful to dissect the reasons for a project's successful implementation. Barclays Bank's Customer System was a success partly because senior management lowered the expectation

Buckingham Palace's Royal Household is a model computer user. In the past some of the Queen's computer staff have complained that, as titular head of the Royal Household, she displays every quality of the perfect leader of a computer project — she is unadventurous, unexcitable and moves slowly but purposefully towards achieving a clear business objective through the use of computers.

The same could not be said for organisations such as Wessex Regional Health Authority, which set itself an ambitious target for how much it wanted to spend on computers - then dreamed up a vision for a computer project that allowed the spending target to be achieved. The authority lost between £43 million and £63 million on its computer contracts, though strangely all those involved went on to receive promotions, large severance payments, political honours or enjoyed other financial success.

☐ Tony Collins, editor of Computer Weekly, and David Bicknell, are the authors of Crash, to be published by Simon and Schuster, £20.

### A bellyful of bargains

Dosh Channel 4, 8.00pm

Adam Faith returns with another slice of Adam Faith returns with another sace of streetwisdom on making money and sussing out bargains. Some of the material is on the stale side. Like the cheese a woman bought from Sainsbury's, though she got a replacement delivered to her door and a ElO voucher. Moral: do not just ask for your money back, demand compensation as well. But the tale of the man who filled his car with bananas to take advantage of a Tesco special offer has been to take advantage of a Tesco special offer has been told too often. Perhaps the most useful item is the advice to a young couple on furnishing their new home. It is surprising what you can pick up cheap when you know where to go. Faith and his team are also right to peruga to the great pencions are also right to return to the great pensions scandal, not Maxwell but the many thousands of people persuaded to leave good company schemes for had personal ones.

### The Peter Principle BBC1, 8.30pm

A new office sitcom arrives with traditional ingredients: incompetent boss, smart deputy and an assortment of lazy and dim-witted staff. This could almost be a rerun of Simon Nye's Is It Legal? except that the workplace is not a solicitor's office except that the workplace is not a solictor's office but a high street bank. But if the formula is familiar, the three writers, Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Dan Patterson, do their best to bring it up fresh. In doing so they draw on the mechanics of farce, with, in this opening episode, a Valentine card delivered to the wrong person launching a series of embarrassed misunderstandings and transien a rich sense of several insuranda. The result tapping a rich seam of sexual innuendo. The result is by no means unfunny, particularly as the gibbering bank manager is played by Jim Broadbent and his number two by the equally splendid Claire Skinner.

### Absolutely Animals Channel 4, 8\_30pm

The challenge for the cheery young vet Mark Evans at the start of the new series is an eight-year-old Burmese cat called Minimore which is breaking into houses and stealing fluffy toys. The children of Tunbridge Wells, if not disgusted, are extremely upset at the loss of their favourite teddies



Broadbent and Skinner (8.30pm, BBCI)

and bunnies. But count on Mark to come with an ingenious solution. The show's budget is stretched rather further to send the co-presenter Wendy Turner to Florida for a piece about dogs that can sniff out skin cancer on the human body. They have even discovered a melanoma which a biopsy missed. The abrupt switch from the trivial to the potentially momentous is thoroughly typical of an all-embracing magazine which is delivered in a breezy style and packs a lot into its 25 minutes.

### The Good Life

The title of this two-part documentary by a reliable name in the field, Malcolm Brinkworth, needs a question mark. The subjects are people who have left the city for the country to find a more congenial way of life. None of the three couples featured tonight has walked into a disaster, though the tonight has walked into a disaster, though the rural existence has proved tougher than they thought. All are glad to have left the noise and pollution for a cleaner, fresher environment and agreeable scenery. But taking on a farm means 4.30am starts for Roger Withnell, a former IBM executive, while the Reynolds family bravely acquire a goats' cheese business which is operating at until below break even point. Closest to selfat well below break even point. Closest to self-sufficiency are the Nashes. They even generate their own electricity. But this is deceptive. His arthritic back means having to rely on invalidity benefit. Peter Waymark

### RADIO CHOICE

The Monday Play: Fond Memories Radio 4, 7.45pm

False memory syndrome, now called suppressed memory syndrome, has been known to psychiatrists for some years but only in recent times has the subject attracted controversy. This drama is not a polemic for one point of view or the other but it does express the issues, using the relationship between a father (Michael Jayston), and his daughter (Eve Matheson), who during therapy uncovers a memory of sexual abuse as a child. The issue of the dearns is the search as the real-life one. issue of the drama is the same as the real-life one: are these memories real, or are they planted. however unwittingly, by the therapist? The consequences of getting such charges wrong are obvious, for nothing taints an adult quite so much as child abuse. The writer is Jim Hitchmough.

### RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radolfte 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Cambell 4.00 Kevin Greening 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Everang Session. Includes a session from Radiohead 8.30 Live Music Update with Briggy Smale 8.40 Andy Kershaw 10.30 Claire Sturgess 1.00 Charte Jordan 4.00 Clive Warren

### RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Anne Robinson 1.30pm Debble Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.00 Chris Serie 7.00 Humphrey Lytteton 8.00 Matcolm Layocok 9.00 Big Band Special 10.30 Richard Alfinson 12.05am Adrian Finighan 3.00 Alex Lester

### RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00cm Morning Reports 6.00 Breaklast Programme 9.00 The Magazine, with Diana Madill 12.00 Midday with Mair, includes at 12-aspim Moneycheck with Paul Lewis 2000 House Celt 14,00 Nationwide, with Julian Worncker 7,00 News Extra 7,35 Diffrent Strokes Pat Murphy talks to former Middlesex spinner Phil Edmonds (2/4) 8,00 Parkrison on Sport 9,00 Tales of the Turf. See Choke 9,30 Work Out 11,00 News Extra with Jeremy Vine 12,00 After Hours with Tim Grundy and Jamice Long 2,00em Up All Nighl with Rhod Sharp

### TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Wart 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Corrane Kelly 2.00pm Tormmy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Reaburn 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Mike Dickin

### Tales of the Turf

Radio 5 Live, 9.00pn

This series about horse racing has brought to life a

This series about horse racing has brought to life a sport which many people regard as a mere vehicle for gambling. This programme will fascinate anyone who enjoys a good yarn and terrify most people involved in racing. The programme deals in "ringing", whereby a good horse runs disguised as a no-hoper, thus lengthening the odds. Appropriately enough, tonight's case involves a horse raced as In The Money, which had in fact been called Cobbler's March. The scam was uncovered when the owners of the latter recognised the horse and reported it to the authorities. There is the horse and reported it to the authorities. There is a bizarre. Pythonesque, twist to the tale which demonstrates that even a dead horse can come back to haunt the wrongdoer. Peter Barnard

### WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. 6.00am Newsday 6.30 All tries in BS1. News on the notor. 6.00em Newscay 6.55 Oil the Europe Today 7.15 Twiss of Nature 7.30 Omnibus 8.15 Oil the Shell 8.30 Vintage Chart Show 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Youh Debate 10.05 World Business 10.15 Visions of Reafity 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Sport 11.30 Omnibus 12.30pm Jazzmetazz 1.05 World Business 1.15 British Today 1.30 Seven Days 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Pop Science 4.05 Sport 4.15 On Your Behalf 4.30 Hol New Country 5.00 Current Today 5.20 World Business 5.68 Britan Today 1.00 Country Today 5.00 World Business 5.68 Britan Today 1.00 Country Today 5.00 World Business 5.68 Britan Today 1.00 Country Today 5.00 World Business 5.68 Britan Today 1.00 Country Today 5.00 World Business 5.68 Britan Today 1.00 Country Today 5.00 World Business 5.68 Britan Today 1.00 Country Today 5.00 World Business 5.68 Britan Today 1.00 Country Today 5.00 World Business 5.68 Britan Today 1.00 Country Today 5.00 Country 5.00 Count 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business 5.45 Britain Today 6.15 World Today 6.30 Seven Days 6.30 News in German 6.45 Sport 7.30 Counterpoint 8.01 Octook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Mutilitack: Hit List 9.00 Newshour 10.05 World Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Danger Squad 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.05em Outlook 12.30 Mutilitack: Hit List 1.30 Keep to the Path Through Europe 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Seven Days 2.45 A Private View 3.30 On Screen 4.05 World Business 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

### CLASSIC FM

4.60am Mari. Griffiths 7.00 Mike Read 9.00 Half of Fame Hour 10.00 Henry Kally 1.00pm Classic Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 7,00 Newsnight 7.30 Sonata 8.00 Concert Elgar (Frossert, Op rans rrewsmight 7:30 Sonata 8:00 Concert Elgar (Frossert, Op 19: Sospiri, Op 70, Cello Concerto in E minor, Op 85, Four Dances, Variations on an Onginal Therre Enigma, Op 36: Pomp and Circumstance Merch No 1 in D major, Op 39) 10:00 Michael Mappin 2:00em Lunchtime Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30em Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyle (FM)/Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00em Richard Porter

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Sibelius (String Quartet, Op 56). Locatelli (Concerto Grosso in F. Op 7 No 4); Lars-Erik Larsson (Pastoral Suite), Haydin (Concerto in G for Two Lyras); Debussy (Danse Sacree et Danse Protane); Spohr (Octet in E. Op 32)

9.00 Morniting Collection. Peter Hobday continues a survey of the Mozart piano sonatas Includes Vaughan Williams (English Folk Song Suite). Mozart (Piano Sonata in D. K284); Haydin (Sinlonia Concertante in B flat, H I 105)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Pers Burton-Page. Bach (Sheep May Salety Graze); Nietsen (Overture: Maskarade), Leclair (Premiere Recreation); Mozart (Oboe Quartet in F, K370), Lyapunov (Transcendental Study No 8 in F sharp minor. Epic Song); Dvořák, reconstr Ingman (Octet Serenade, Op 22), Horovitz (Endymon). Alan Richardson (Scherzno); Ermend Bonnal (String Tno); Alan Richardson (Scherzno); Ermend Bonnal 1.00pm News; BBC Lunchtime Concert, Live Irom St. John's, Smith Square, London, Includes Medicksche) (String Outstel in D. Oc. 44 No. 1).

1.00pm News; BBC Lunchtime Concert, Live from St John's, Smith Square, London, Includes Mendelssohn (String Quartet in D. Op 44 No 1), Beethoven (String Quartet in F. Op 135), Performed by the Gaumeri Quartet.
2.05 The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Mark Wigglesworth. With Yatarina Kameus, mezzo. Mahler (Lieder eines Fahrenden Gesellen); Shostakovich (Symphony No 7-1 epiporad)

Leningrad)
3.45 Jazz à la Lee. In the third part of the series profiling the tegendary lazz singer Peggy Lee, Met Hit analyses Lae's unique vocal style and Bustrates is flexibility in interpreting material from Cole Porter to Lieber and Stoller

4.15 Music Restored: Radio 3 Early Music Young Artists Showcase 1997. In the last concert of this year's event, given at the Royal Academy of Music, Ensemble Dumont under Peter Bennett performs music for voices and viols by the 17th-century French composer Henry Dumont (r)

5.00 The Music Machine: Music For Spaces.

Kartheirz Stockhausen describes how he created a performance sphere where the purificience. a performance sphere where the audience

ned in mid-air 5.15 In Tune, Presented by Natalie Wheen, includes Debussy (Etudes Pour Piano); C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in E. Ilat, Wq179); Schoenberg

(Chamber Symphony No 2)

7.30 Ravel: Through the Looking Glass (Sounding the Century). The first of three concerts given by the London Symphony Orchestna under André Previn: Eurice Lee, violin. Ravel (Ballet Music. Mother Goose, Tzigane; Daphnis and Chloe; Suites Nos.1 and 2)

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8.50 A Wet Handle. A five-part collection of songs, poems and stories from the humourist lvor Cutier. With Beverley Craw, Dylan Edwards and Craig 9.05 Shura Cherkassky, Piano recital, Schubert (Piano Sonata in A, D959); Balakirev (Islamey); Chopin (Waltz in C Sharp minor)

10.00 Voices. Iain Burnside expenences the sights and sounds of Italy 10.45 Mixing It. Mark Russell and Robert Sandali

Introduce a unique mix of musical styles
11.30 Composer of the Week: Korngold (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather introduces the band Como in a two-part concert given at the Adrian Boutt Hall, Birmingham in February 1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Madeod

5.55em Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Brieting 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, includes Thought for the Day 8.40 Letters from Over Here. In the third of four programmes the former American ambassador to London, Raymond Seltz, reflects on the British obsession with roundabouts 8.58 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with Times columnist

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10.00 News; Dear Diary (FM). An account by Liz Crow, a disabled woman who received unorthodos, treatment at a clinic in Mexico (2/6)
10.00 Dally Service (LW) A service from St Columba's Church in Gartan, Co Donegal
10.15 On This Day (LW) June 2 1947
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray, Includes an interview with the writer Arundhati Roy, whose first novel, The God of Small Things, has won a record advance

advance 11.30 Money Box Live: 0171-580 4444, Personal finance news with Vincent Duggleby
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and curent affairs with Mark Whataker

12.25pm Brain of Britzin. The first round of the nationwide general knowledge quiz, chaired by Robert Robinson, reaches the north of England

12.50 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Diamonds, by John Peacock. The final part of the trilogy of radio plays chaning the journey of diamond. With Carolyn Jones, Ian Macters and Japan Mau.

ters and Janet Maw 3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor Includes
Simon Evans's alternot to get recognition for the world's shortest play

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5.00 PM, with Charife Lee Politer and Jeremy Vine 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Willife's Wake: A Celebration of the Talents of Willie Rushton. Ned Sherm is joined in the Coach and Horses pub in Soho. Central London by Barry Cryer, Richard Ingrams. Lance Percival and Sir Tim Rice (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archere

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7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme. Derek Cooper parlates
of a traditional picnic (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Fond Memories. Sea Choice
9.00 Touched by the Trees. Six individuals explore
the relationship between people and trees (r)
9.30 Kaleldoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Jeremy Hams
10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Month in the Country.
J. L. Carr's acclaimed novel read in eight parts by
Samuel West (6/8) (r)

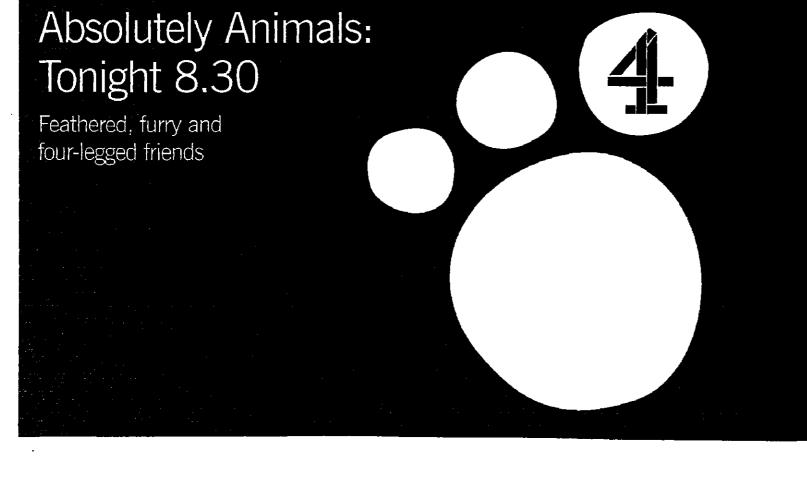
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11.00 Ballad of the Sad Cares. The first of a four part series looking at expatriot cales, where people come to be reminded of their homeland, vists a Polish establishment in Hammersmäh (1) Firefly Summer, by Marco Biroby, Dramatisad

11.30 Firefly Summer, by Maeve Binchy, Dranatised by Jane Cassidy, Staming David Soul, Anna Healy and Lorcan Cranitch (4/6) (f)
12.00 News incl 12.27am approx Weather
12.30am Late Book: The Information Witiam Nighty begins a 15-contest of the Information Witiam Nighty

begins a 15-part adaptation of Martin Amis s novel. Abnoged by Neville Teller (f) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909, WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55ml). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO, FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO. MW 1053, 1089. Gregory and John McNamara.



have understood. As we

were reminded last

night in The Works, Grade was the

man who came within a legal

nicety of taking Match of the Day

to TTV and then, a decade or so

later, brought The Big Breakfast to

Channel 4. Put the two formats

together and you get something

pretty close to World Cup Foot-ball, Channel 5's first foray into

Grade might have approved of

the idea, but what would he have

made of the execution? Like the

rest of us, I suspect, not a lot.

Above all it was an evening that

will be remembered for its noise.

"Plenty of noise, Jonathan?" in-

mired an anxious Brough Scott as

he handed over to match commen-

tator Jonathan Pearce in Katowice.

Silly question really. While some

men are hairy and others are

smooth. Pearce, who cut his cliches

on radio, is an noisy man, an very



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7.00em European PGA Golf: Deutsche Bank Open (16734) 8.30 Racing News (56531) 9.00 World Sport Special (70111) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style (83173) 10.00 Watersports World (44260) 11.00 Live Cricket The Ashes Tour (5460318) 7.00pm Cricket The Ashes Tour (640uster) Assessing Sports Centre (1482) 7-39 Footbal Special (6555) 8.30 Live Ringside Bosting (71395) 10.30 Sports Centre (77024) 11.00 Footbal Special (52289) 12.00 Grand Pry Saling (96674) 12.20am Ringside Bosting (25883)

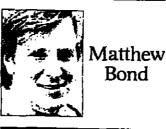
2.30-3.00 Sports Centre (45593) SKY SPORTS 3

EUROSPORT 7.30am Athletics: Hengelo Grand Pro. Meeting (7528024) 8,15 Motorcycling: Aus-tran Grand Prb. (38815444) 10,00 Tennas: French Open — Live (3324753) 7,00am

A new and unwelcome big noise in town best known as Lufty from East-Enders), while Jeremy Nicholas's career reached some sort of turning point when he interviewed the Crystal Palace eagle, the Cambridge United moose and a swan whose club loyalties 1 missed.

> ut as kick-off approached and Brough Scott grew ever more nervous, the noises off became dealening. "Keep it down." shouted Dominik Diamond, who whether by virtue of being a Scot or a late night phone-in host, is more used to such things. The decibel level dropped to a modest roar. interrupted by the occasional shrick of girlish laughter. The swan had just goosed a former Gladiator.

Come the final whistle, it was all over - the party, that is, Ready, Steady, Teddy had just made it two-nil to Eng-gur-land, but the senter, was grateful for a few celebs had already disappeared, **REVIEW** 



presumably in search of Green Room hospitality. As Scott talked about a night of sporting history the learnt his cliches on the back of a horse), the camera surveyed the debris: empty bottles, half-eaten food and the odd Page 3 Girl, whose big moment had been and gone. She thought it was all over . . . but actually the rugby was still to come. To read about that, and other aspects of the football

coverage, turn to my Television Action Replay column in the sports section.

Not yet though - we've still got serious television matters to address — such as Welsh canle and Michael Grade. What, Grade again? My thoughts exactly as I watched last night's toadving "special edition" of The Works (BBC2). Had Grade died over the week-

end without my noticing? Not a bit of it: he simply announced a few months ago that after 23 years he was giving up television, a departure which is passing more or less unmarked at Channel 4 (still his employer for a few more days) but, on the evidence of this, by some serious crawling round at the BBC. "Hey, we could call it The Last Showman - he'd love that." Indeed he would. In fact, Grade loved it so much he co-operated beautifully from beginning to end. eleverly ensuring that his career and reputation got the gentlest

going-over they are ever likely to receive.

Much of it was familiar, much of it anodyne, but it was still enjoyable television, partly because Grade — for all his socks and cigars - is good and politely self-effacing company and partly because his career covers so much of entertainment history: from managing Morecambe and Wise to fielding the flak over The Word, Grade has always been there, until now.

wen his failures were the sort of flops that you and I dream of. When, in the words of Brian Tesler, he became "a lousy head of light entertainment"at LWT, the board's solution was to make him director of programming. Similarly when Hollywood turned out not be paved with gold, he was rescued his old family friend, Bill Cotton. How about becoming Controller of BBC1?

the unenviable task of pulling in a mass audience on a Friday night. A BBC2 audience might have warmed to its leisurely pace, those Welsh accents and the best looking cast of cows since Hamish Macheth. A BBC1 audience? I doubt it.

Were Grade still calling the shots at the BBC. Drovers' Gold

(BBCI) would have quietly found

itself on BBC2 rather than facing

Which is a shame, because the human cast, led by Robert Pugli and Geraldine James, is very good. too, and doing its best with a script that tends — rather too often towards the theatrical. It's a cross between Lonesome Dove, that Irish thing with all the McGann brothers in it, and Jack and the Beanstalk. Or, to put it another way, it's the tale of how Aaron took his mother's cattle to market and comes back, hopefully, with more than a bag of beans. My money's on a wife, but it's early days yet they've only got to Herefordshire.

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7.30 Havakazoo (3778463) 8.00 Adventures

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1.00 5 News Update (52155869) 1.05 Sunset

3.30 Never Sang for my Father (1970)
Drama with Gene Hackman, Melvyn
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(1873531) 10.30 Attractions (r) (8906598)

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woman and move to California Directed by Gilbert Cates (9021482)

6.30 Family Affairs Mana is blackmarked (T)

7.00 Exclusive Showbiz news (T) (6526685)

7.30 Flights of Fancy: Wings Over the Rift

8.00 Hot Property Sandy Mitchell assists a

Wildlife documentary exploring the world

single mother with two small children who

wants to move out of her mobile home

and into a house in rural Wales (7)

of gliding and bird flight (T) (7459734)

6.00am 5 News Early (1058145)

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Attairs (r) (T) (6262591)

5.10 5's Company (64796550)

5.30 100 Per Cent (7472685)

6.00 Whittle (T) (7479598)

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6.00em Business Breakfast (84937) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (72005) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (5059840) 9.20 Style Challenge (3978024)

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12.05pm Call My Bluff (5252802) 12.35 Neighbours (T) (4023918) 1.00 News (T) and weather (75192) 1.30 Regional News (T) (15187289) 1.40 The Weather Show (36382208) 1.45 Columbo (r) (5860276) 2.55 Through the Keyhole (5567647)

3.20 Country Walks to Curious Places 3.30 Playdays (r) (5689550) 3.50 Monster Cale (r) (3098918) 4.05 The New Yogi Bear Show (r) (9389640) 4.10 Casper (1)(9335734) 4.35 50/50 (1) (6318598) 5.00 Newsround (T) (8023111) 5.10 Blue

Peter (T) (7780314) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (323531) 6.00 News (T) and weather (69) 6.35 Regional News Magazine (21)

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7.60 Auntie's TV Favourites in the last of the series Steve Wright is joined by Michael Aspel and Alan Davis, star of Jonathan Creek. Plus: Dennis Skinner, MP, pays tribute to his hero, Trigger, of Only Fools and Horses tame (2314)

7.30 Here and Now Sue Lawley reports on anorexia among teenage boys and Glasgow police's attempts to get knives off the streets. Last in series (T) (55)

8,00 EastEnders Tension mounts in the Fowler household, and it is the day of reckoning for the beleaguered market manager Michael (T) (8734)

The Peter Principle in the first of a new six-part comedy series, a bank manager is not sure of his personal credit rating (T) (7869)

9.00 News (T), regional news and weather 9.30 Birds of a Feather With Darryl due to be released from prison, Sharon is going to

have to find a diplomatic way of showing Tracey the door (T) (55753) 10.00 Panorama: A Costly Cure A report on the sometimes devastating effects of radiotherapy treatment (T) (634579)

10.40 Fire in the Sky (1993) with D.B. Sweeney, Robert Patrick and Craig Sheffer Based on the true story of an alleged alien abduction which took place in Artoona in 1975. Directed by Robert Lieberman (T) (39707647) 12.25am Beyond the Stars (1989) with Martin

Sheen, Sharon Stone and Christian Slater. A young man obsessed with be-coming an astronaut makes friends with an alcoholic Moon-landing veteran. Directed by David Saperslein (1) (5923244)

1.55-2.00 Weather (6105048)

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6.00am OU: Time for You (T) (3647550) 6.25 Rich Mathematical Activities (T) (3666685) 6.50 Animated English. The Creature Comforts Story (7667314) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and

rrrrrrrrr." he yelled, just four

and a half minutes after the

commentator's traditional impar-

tiality had been tossed unceremo-

mously aside: "I hope I express the

opinion of you all back home when

Back in the studio, where a

reasonable idea was going horri-

bly wrong, it was even noisier. The

plan, as far as one could glean,

was to turn a Southampton tele-

vision studio into one of those

fashionable sports cafes and then

invite a veritable galaxy of celebri-

ties to come and eat, drink and.

above all, be noisy at Channel 5's

expense. But the problem with ce-

that they don't party to order.

lebrities, even the C-list variety, is

In the early stages (such was its

excitement, coverage began a full

three hours before kick-off) almost

nobody had turned up. Gail Mc-

Kenna, model turned sports pre-

I say: Come on England."

signing) (1376395) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (i) (1) (6291289) 7.55 Blue Peter (i) (1) (2476550) 8.20 Bump (8426937) 8.25 Open a Door (r) (1843821) 8.35 Raccoons (r) (2033666)

9.00 TV6 (26753) 9.30 Job Bank (4543463) 9.45 Watch Out Wildlife (4548918) 10.00 Telefubbles (67685) 10.30 The Geography Programme (9302550) 10.50 Look and Read Special (9322314) 11.10 Zig Zag (5647666) 11.30 Teaching Today (8956) 12.00 Teaching Today (13289) 12.30pm Working Lunch (33531)

1.00 Lifeschool Extra (23583444) 1.25 Landmarks: Sidies Liverpool (T) (90242227) 1.45 Storytime (15197666) 2.00 Bump (r) (62884050) 2.05 Open a Door (r) (63234591)

2.10 Alias Smith and Jones (r) (3157314) 3.00 News (T) (3288550) 3.05 Making Babies (r) (T) (4166260) 3.55 News (T) (3469289 4.00 Blockbusters (3479666) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (3472753) 4.55 Esther. Celebrities discuss how they overcame dyslexia (5592937) 5.30 Today's the Day (98)

6.00 The Simpsons (1) (353208) 6.25 Space Precinct (r) (T) (913111)

7.10 The Ren and Stimpy Show (T) (733840) 7.30 Computers Don't Bite: The Beginner's Guide A computerised wedding planner. and video phones. Plus: Olympic stars reveal why they are prohibited from playing computer games (T) (47)

8.00 Motormonth The Pirelli International Rally, a profile of Tim Harvey and a video diary from Mark Blundell (T) (6376) 8.30 The Antiques Show The work and training of auctioneers. Plus: Fred Perry tennis memorabilia and period doll's houses Last in the series (T) (8111) -



Dawn French is the vicar (9.00pm)

9.00 The Vicar of Dibley Repeat showing of the first series of the comedy with Dawn French as a lemale vicar (r) (T) (7463) 9.30 Tales from the Riverbank The elusive

sea trout and the brown trout (1) (53395) 10.00 Game On Mandy's reckless former boylnend makes an unexpected visit (r)

(T) (14918) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (694111) 11.15 Ruby Late night chat (646734)

11.55 Weather (6978) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (8202241)

12.30am Learning Zone: OU: Following : Score 1.00 Empire and Nation: The Re-fashioning of Literature 1.30 Modern Art 2.00 Teaching Today 4.00 Italia 2000 4.30 Royal Institution Discourse 5.30 6.00am GMTV (9838227) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (3986043)

9.55 Regional News (T) (4670376) 10.00 The Time, the Place (54111) 10.30 This Morning (65024956)

12.20pm Regional News (T) (1049482) 12.30 News (T) and weather (4042043) 12.55 The Pulse (T) (4027734) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (90220005)

1.50 Helio Again (1987) with Shelly Long.
Judith Ivey and Gabriel Bryne Cornic tale
of the repercussions that follow a spiritualist who resurrects her sister one year after her death. Directed by Frank Perry (8098005)

3.20 News (T) (3295840) 3.25 Regional News (T) (3294111) 3.30 Caribou Kitchen (3012598) 3.40 Tols TV

(f) (8968579) 3.50 Cartoon Time (3457444) 3.55 Where's Wally (7409043) 4.25 Wool! (r) (9858685) 4.50 The Big Bang (T) (4688531) 5.10 Sorted (1) (8927208)

5.40 News (T) and weather (506937) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (37) 6.29 HTV Weather (259043) 6.30 The West Tonight (T) (89)

7.00 Wheel of Fortune Return of the game show hosted by Bradley Walsh (T) (7482) 7.30 Coronation Street Steve gives Fiona the cold shoulder (T) (73)

8.00 World in Action Britain's part in supplying equipment to military regimes worldwide (1/2) (1) (3802)



Presenter Anthea Turner (8,30pm)

8.30 Turner Round the World Anthea Turne hosts this new series, mixing travelog reports with an exciting game in which every viewer has a chance to win (2937) 9.00 Bramwell Robert takes charge when Eleanor goes to the country (T) (1531)

10.00 News (T) and weather (57424) 10.30 Regional News (T) (412901) 10.40 The West Story: Party Politics How

young people regularly organise unlicenced raves (948444) 11.15 Strays (1992) with Kathleen Quinlan, Timothy Busssfield and Claudia Christian A couple are terrorised by a group of wildcals shortly after moving into their dream house. Directed by John

McPherson (888208) 12.35am In a Child's Name The conclusion of the mini-senes about a man who after murdering his wife fights her family for custody of his children while behind bars

2.20 Club Nation (r) (T) (6990777) 3.20 God's Gift (r) (1051512)

4.20 Sound Bites (96461067) 4.35 World in Action (r) (T) (81324048) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (53406) 5.30 News (13203)

THE STANDARD BUT

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (4027734)

1.50 Blue Heelers (5579208) 2.50-3.20 High Road (2727111) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8927208) 6.25-7.00 Central News (270918) 10.40 Film: Cast a Deadly Spell (92836531) 12.30am Sound Bites (9979574)

12.40 War of the Worlds (7376116) 1.35 Late and Loud (2690067) 2.35 Real Stories of the Highway Patro

3.00 Film: The Survivor (96932) 4.30 Central Jobfinder '97 (77574)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (1049482) 12.55 Home and Away (4027734) 1.25 High Road (23595289)

5.00 Asian Eye (53406)

1.55 Murder, She Wrote (5587227) 2.50-3.20 Westcountry Update (2727111) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8927208) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (45376) 10.30 Westcountry News (412181) 10.45 The View from Here (145260)

11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (386840) MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (4027734) 1.50 At Home with Maggie Philblin

(31684260) 2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (5604956) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8927208) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (37) 6.30-7.00 Country Ways (89)

10.30 Meridian News and Weather (412181) 10.45 The Pier (596734) 11.10 The Listings (401753) 11.15 Swift Justice (499753)

12.10am Meridian Focus (8889135) 5.00 Freescreen (53406) ANGLIA

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2.50-3.20 Crawshaw Paints Constable

Country (2727111) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8927208) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (270918) 10.40 Cross Question (169840) 11.40 Highlander (386840)

S40 Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (77647) 7,00 The Big Breakfast (98043) 9.00 Bewitched (11821) 9.30 Ysgolion (455901) 12.00 Right to Reply (31685) 12.30pm Animal Passions (68227) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (10738579) 1.15 Smot y C1 (45961647) 1.25 Film: Ball of Fire (24209598) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (95) 4,00 Fifteen-to-One (42) 4.30 Garden Party (14) 5.00 5 Pump (8016821) 5.10 Fiell (8012005) 5.20 Gogs (7305314) 5.30 Countdown (66) 6.00 Newyddion (964463) 6.05 Heno (351840) 6.35 Sion a Sian (233005) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (454821) 7.25 A Byd Ar Bedwar (924647) 8.00 Clwb Garddio (1444) 8.30 Newyddion (7109) 9.00 O Flaen Dy Lygaid (9173) 10.00 Sgorio (2260) 11.00 Planet Showbiz (4376) 11.30 NBA Raw (18685) 12.30am Film: King of New York (10864)

**6.00am Sesame Street** The guest is Ellen DeGeneres (r) (77647) **7.00** The Big Breaktast (98043) **9.00** Bewitched (r) (Ti

9.30 Schools: Geography Junction (4538531) 9.45 Book Box (4566314) 10.00 Stage Two Science (9195753) 10.15 Schools at Work (2715376) 10.20 Off the Walls 9390901) 10.40 The English Programme (7498550) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (2599734) **11.15** The Mix

(1576579) 11.30 Rat-a-Tat-Tat (4768227)

11.45 Living and Growing (4756482) 12.00 Right to Reply (T) (31685) 12.30pm Light Lunch (54753) 1.30 The Amold Waltz, Animation (36379734)

1.35 The Malta Story (1953) with Alec Guiriness and Jack Hawkins Second World War drama directed by Brian Desmond Hurst (T) (45109376) 3.30 Collectors' Lot Ugbrooke Park, Devon (T) (95) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (42) 4.30

Countdown (T) (6302937) 4.55 Montel

Williams (T) (5587005) 5.30 Animal Passions (T) (66) 6.00 Home Improvement Jill's car is crushed when Tim tries to get it fixed (T) (79)

6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap (T) (31) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (955482) 7.50 Life Stories Biographies made by

student film-makers (153840) 8.00 CHOICE Dosh Adam Faith returns with a new eight-part guide to finance (T) (1444)

8.30 CHOIGE Absolutely Animals Animal issue magazine presented by Wendy Turner and Mark Evans. Tonight. a dog who can snitf out cancer, a kleptomaniac cat and a gorilla sanctuary situated in Cameroon's jungle (1/8) (1)



The Reynolds family (9.00pm) 9.00 The Good Life Following Inree couples who leave the rat race behind for life in the British countryside (T) (1/2) (9173) 10.00 Dark Skies Sci-fi (T) (2260)

11.00 Cheers Comedy (r) (T) (4376) 11.30 NBA Raw Basketball (18685) 12.30am NYPD Blue: Boxer Rebeliion The squad are searching for an arsonist (r) (T) (39999)

1.30 NYPD Blue: The Bookie and the Kooky Cookie A bookmaker is murdered in an alley (r) (T) (4802661) 2.20 Persistence of Memory Offbeat drama short (r) (7495338)

2.45 Broadway Stories A senes of Damon Runyon stones about 1930s New York (1/10) (r) (T) (29406) 3.15 Miss Robin Hood (1952, b/w) with

Margaret Rutherlord. Cornedy directed by John Guillermin (7706203) 4.35 Watching the Detectives Last in the series (r) (T) (6569845) 5.35-6.00 Backdate (r) (T) (7975048)

Dennis Hopper stars (9.00pm) 9.00 Boiling Point (1993) Action thriller with

Wesley Snipes, Dennis Hopper and Lolita
Davidovich An LA cop sets out on a
revenge-fuelled mission Directed by James B. Hams (6637111) 10.30 Bring Me the Head of Light Entertainment Comedy panel game

with guests Matt Welcome and Dominic Holland (8907227) 11.00 The Jack Docherty Show (1386550) 11.40 We Know Where You Live irreverent sketch show leafuring Simon Pegg, Flona Allen and Sanieev Bhaskar (6539482)

12.10am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine, including extreme sports at 2.00 (92950086) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (3766512)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (3442965)

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SKY 1

8.00em Morning Glory (415753) 9.00 Regris and Kathie Lise (47918) 10.00 Another World (39314) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (19550) 12.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show (9358) 1.00pm Geratio (95918) 2.00 Sally Jessy Rephael (82918) 3.00 Jenny Jones (1622) 4.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show (97289) 5.00 Star Inste The Next Generation (9889) 8.00 Real TV (5531) 6.20 Memied — with Children (9111) 7.00 The Stripsons (4259) 7.20 M\*A\*S\*H (5395) 8.00 Star Inst Voyager (40869) 9.00 Poliergeist The Legacy (20005) 10.00 Nash Bridges (2318C) 11.00 Ster Inst. The Next Generation (30043) 12.00 Amenca's Dumbest Criminals (81628) 12.30em LAPD. (55951) 1.00 Hill Mix Loop Play (1816845)

7.00pm Superboy (4246395) 7.30 Superboy (6746395) 8.00 Final Austice (6410005) 10.90 The Outer Limits (6422840) 11.00 Late Show with David

SKY NEWS Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week SKY MOVIES

8.00am The Wrong Box (1966) (5444) 8.00 The Notcracker (1993) (80258) 10.00 Southern Star (1969) (96860395) 11.45 Ressuell (1994) (750530) 1.15pm Follow the River (1995) (29012735) 3.00 Trussan (1985) (68349024) 5.15 Prince for a Day (1995) (55298837) 7.00 I Love Trouble (1994) (8227) 2.00 Ressuell (1994) (12598) 10.30 China Moon (1984) (50914482) 12.15am Motorcycle Gang (1994) (12569) 10.50 Crists about (1894) (50914482) 12.15am Motorcycle Gang (1994) (1990057) 1.40 The Slingshot (1994) (371628) 3.25 Deadly Vows (1994)

... ..... Football Toulon Under-21 Cup -- Live (41173) 9.00 Athletics: Donoven Bailey v Michael Johnson (59043) 9.30 Athletics: St Denis Grand Prix Meeting (92821) 10.00 Tenns: French Open Rendez-Vous (56444) 11,00-12.30em Shooker John Panott v Ronnie O'Sultivan (65685)

7.00cm Record Breakers (4242753) 7.35 Neighbours (3572442) 8.00 Crossroads (7325314) 8.25 EastEnders (2536556) 9.00 The Bill (5378043) 9.30 You'ra Only Young Twice (5841192) 10.00 Duly Free (2439206) 10.30 The Suffivans (5374227) 11.00 Castally (63769685) 12.05pm Crossroads 18272795) 12.30 Neighbours (5852208)

6.00am The Box (7900289) 7.00 Coronation St (4341043) 7.30 Fermines (4320550)

FOX KIDS NETWORK 6.00em Three Utile Ghosts (2082956) 6.30 Inspector Gadget (5470395) 7.00 Samurai Pizza Cats (7755916) 7.30 Power Rangers 2cc (7767753) 8.00 Beetleborgs (9424376) 8.30 Crocadoc (9423647) 9.00 Rimba's Island (5482966) 9.20 The Magic Box

Keanu Reeves in A Walk in the Clouds (Movie Channel, 8.00pm) (\$864598) 9.45 Dudley the Dragon (\$233647) 10.05 Rimba's Island (1810609) 10.25 The Magic Box (9681395) 11.00 Jin Jin and the Panda Patrol (9652579) 11.30 Principle (9653208) 12.00 Inspecto God-got (9427463) 12.30pm VR Troopers (77864606) 12.50 Power Rangers Zeo (77844802) 1.10 Beetleborgs (25476376) 1.30 Each (8151032) 2.00 Let with Jone 1.30 Eek (8151032) 2.00 Lee with Louie (4245579) 2.30 Crocadoo (8725802) 3.00 Gadgor Boy (4257314) 3.20 Eek (8737847) 4.00 Life with Louie (8749482) 4.30 Power Rangers Zeo (8745666) 5.00 Bedileborgs (4229531) 5.30 Spiderman (8736918) 6.00 X Men (8736531) 6.30-7.00 Goosebumps

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6.00em Road to Avoniea (45181) 7.00 Dennis the Menace (53734) 8.00 Batman (19024) 8.30 Ari Atlack (18395) 9.00 Flash (19024) 8.30 An Attack (1835) 9.00 Flash Gordon (76537) 9.30 Bobby's World (49937) 10.00 Romusid the Rendeer (24531) 10.30 Robinson Sucron (98531) 11.00 Dornger Mouse (97227) 11.30 Gravedale High (98556) 12.00 Oscar's Orchestra (12111) 12.30pm Hallway Across the Galaxy and Turn Lett (49753) 1.00 Moby (70208) 1.30 The New Advan-tures of Black Beauty (48024) 2.00 The Gat Irom Tomorrow (3482) 2.30 Ocean Odyssey (8802) 3.00 Flash Gordon (9289) 3.30 Batman (7537) 4.00 The Big Dish (2482) 4.30-6.00 An Attack (9666) **CARTOON NETWORK** 

Non-stop cartoons, from 5.00mm to 9.00pm Includes Tom and Jerry, Popeye and The Finistones **NICKELODEON** 6,00am Count Duckula (77294) 6.30 Rocko's Modern Life (96753) 7.00 Hey

Amoldi (671111 7.30 Rugrais (53918) 8.00 Doug (55802) 8.30 Arthur (54173) 9.00 Chidren's BBC (78753) 9.30 Children's BBC (14043) 10.00 Winzie's House BBC (14043) 10,00 Wimzie's House (27005) 10,30 Babar (74937) 11,00 Magic School Bus (42753) 11,30 Mr Men Victor and Mana/Bamey/Lizze's Library/Bodk/limbo and Th (4342) 12,00 Benarias in Pyjamas (65289) 12,30 pm The Busy World of Richard Scany (85531) 1,00 Children's BBC (86482) 1,30 Children's BBC (84802) 2,30 Antour (7734) 3,00 Ahm and the Chimmin's (7643) 3,30 Bruton Alvin and the Chipmunks (7043) 3.30 Bruro the Kirl (9579) 4.00 Hey Amold! (1314) 4.30 Rugrats (7598) 5.00 Sister Sister (9260) 5.30 Kensmand Kel (1550) 6.00 Alex Meck

(8463) 6.30-7.00 Doug (2043) TROUBLE

12.00 Heartbreak High (5859111) 1.00pm Madison (3602111) 1.30 Sweet Valley High (5846847) 2.00 Hangime (9781260) 2.30 California Dieams (2436024) 3.00 Byker Grove (9700395) 3.30 Blast (2448969) 4.00 Sweet Valley High (2427375) 4.30 Hangtone (24162601 5.00 Saved by the Bell (9705840) 5.30 California Dreams (2430840) 6.00 Bylus Grove (2437753) 6.30 Madison (2428005) 7.00-8.00 Heart-break High (6816869) BRAVO

8.00pm The New Twilight Zone (9701024) 9.30 The New Twilight Zone (9780631) 9.00 The Burning Zone (6805753) 10.00 Tour of Duty (6808840) 11.00 FILM: Gitest in the Shall (5003276) 1.00am The Burreno Zone (8104086) 2.00 Tour of Duty (4184796) 3.00 Fil.M: Chost in the Shell (2137777) 5.00 Starsky and Hutch (1482574)

9.30 Cybil (58145) 10.00 Fraster (66918) 10.30 Monty Python's Flying Circus (75666) 11.00 in Bad with Me Dinner (766821) 11.25 Roben (66882) 11.30 Nightsland (64889) 12.30am Sledgehammer (88067) 1.00 Choers (44883) 1.30 Cybil (50932) 2.00 Enertariment UK (64689) 2.30 in Bed with Me Dinner (43135) 3.00 Fraster (31319) 3.30-4.00 Almost Perfect (67715) THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8,00pm Sightings (8535163) 9,00 Sightings (853527) 10,00 SFScene (7626127) 10,30 Mysterics. Megic and Mracles (8005463) 11,30 Mesters of Famasy (5198098) 11,55 Earthscan (9140540) 12,00 Nightimate Calc (7952067) 1.00sm The Twilghi Zone (3719357) 1.30 One Sep Beyond (2502932) 2.00 Fndsy the 13th (8810628) 3.00-4.00 Dark Shadows (2926796)

9.00em Joy of Parring (5376/85) 9.30 Gardeners' Duay (5849734) 10.00 Hooked on Fishing (2420560) 10.30 Room Service (5372863) 11.30 Painted House (7810463) 11.30 This Old House (7811192) 12.00 Just for Startors (5356821) 12.30pm Sweel Trungs (5843550) 1.00 Graham kem (3615685) 1.30 Home Again (5842821) 2.00 Hometime (9794734) 2.30 Furniture the Mend (2449598) 3.00 Our House (9713869) 3.30 This Old House (2444043)

DISCOVERY 4.00 cm The Extremists (2423550) 4.30 Too. Marques II (2429734) 5.00 Time Travellers (9718314) 6.30 Justico Files (2443314) 6.00 Wild at Heart (2440227) 6.30 Wild Things (2431579) 7.00 Beyond 2000 (9798550) 7.30 Disaster (2420463) 8.00 History's Turning Points (9714598) 8.30 Crocodile Hutters (9793005) 9.00 Lonely Planet (6818227) 10.00 Great Egyptians (6811314) 11.00 Wings (3692734) 12.00 First Flights (2679280) 12.30am Wers in Peace (7665367) 1.00 Disaster (2617154) Peace (7665357) 1.00 Discour. N. 1.30-2.00 Beyond 2000 (3803858)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4.00pm Wespons at War (7525685) 5.00 Hollywood (1788579) 6.00 Our Contury 1839-1945 (3091753) 7.00-8.00 Biography George til (8559043)

(122550) 7.05 Winner Takes All (29956) 7.40 Give Us A Clue (783901) 8.20 All Clued Up (142669) 9.00 Through the keytole (483314) 9.35 Sale of the Century (378043) 10.10 Treasure Hunt (835111) 12.00 Winner Takes All (32390) 12.30am Family Lake Hart to Hart (59520) 1.30 Moonlighting (198301 2.30 The Bwids of Paradise (73574) 3.30 Teen Win, Lose or Draw (83777) 4.00 The Fall Guy (69425) 5.00 HSN Direct Shopping (62951)

UK LIVING

8.00mm Trry Living (25436821) 9.05 Gladrags and Glamou (1277111) 9.15 The Gordon Eliott Show (7158442) 10.05 Jerry Springer Uncut (4535314) 10.55 Uk Lwing's Shopping Emportum (41597463) 11.00 The Young and the Rastless (9503734) 11.50 Brockside (5050598) 12.25pm Why Mc? Real Life Case Studies (35130463) 12.55 Permossi (7061647) 1.40 Rolonds (347821) 2.30 The Agony Expor-ence (5433463) 3.00 Live at Three (57924376) 4.05 The Jerry Springer Show (9075314) 5.05 Lingo (50046192) 5.30 Lucky Laddiers (5444579) 6.00 I Dream of Joannie (9399444) 6.35 Ready. Steady, Cook. (4942579) 7.05 Hears Afre (4876753) 7.35 Brookside (2802869) 8.05 Rolonda (4514840) 9.00 FBLME Passalons Springer Uncut (4535314) 10.55 UR Rolonda (4614840) 9.00 Fil.M: Passions (79555735) 10.58 UK Lwing's Shopping Emporum (5079531) 11.00-12.00 The Erogenous Zone (5802840) ZEE TV

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Doily Staters (1946) (49389260) 4.35 Second Chance (1995) (6710560) 8.00 Three Ninjas Knuckle Up (1995) (55937) 7.30 Behind-the-Scenes: The Fifth Element (8005) 8.00 A Walk in the Clouds (1995) (37395) 10.00 Rob Roy (1995) (36023227) 12.20am A Family Divided (1994) (883425) 1.55 Fighting for My Deughter: The Ame Dion Story (1994) (882319) 3.30 Julia and Julia (1967) (77222) 5.10 The New Adventures of

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### Gencor plans London mining float as part of £5bn demerger

By ADAM JONES

GENCOR, the South African mining giant, is considering a £5 billion-plus demerger involving the flotation of a new

Gencor, which has a market value of about £4.6 billion, is thought to be looking investigating a number of transactions to to raise between £600 million and £1.2 billion of new capital in the float. It is markets to fund major projects in South expected to retain the precious metals Africa, Mozambique, Latin America and

businesses within its Johannesburg listing, with the base metals side transferring still constrained by currency controls. The to a London vehicle large enough to be included in the FT-SE 100 index.

The flotation, whose financial advisers mining company on the London Stock include Robert Fleming, the London securities house, may start this month. Gencor admitted yesterday that it was

improve its access to international capital

company said: The initiative has a number of hurdles that still have to be overcome, and has not yet been approved by the Gencor board. Shareholders are therefore advised to exercise caution in

their dealings of the company's shares."

The South African mining industry has been subject to a flurry of activity recently, with the proposed merger of JCI and Lonrho and empowerment initiatives

transferring ownership from whites to

Gencor was formed by the merger of General Mining and the Union Corporation. In 1993, Gencor, then a broad conglomerate, unbundled the bulk of its industrial activities to concentrate on mining and mineral activities. It bought Billiton, the minerals company, from Royal Dutch Shell for more than \$1 billion in 1994. The heavily-geared purchase met with scepticism but Billiton's

better-than-expected performance, helped by rising aluminium prices, enabled the early restructuring of debt.

A new UK-listed company would probably be built around Billiton, and is likely to have a listing in Johannesburg. It should include Gencor's stake in the Richards Bay iron and titanium opera-tion, and nickel-mining and coal activities. Alusel, an aluminium company that last year became a wholly-owned subsidiary, is another likely component.

Gencor made a profit before exceptionals of just over 1 billion rand (£139 million) in the six months to December 31. Brian Gilbertson, executive chairman of Gencor, has clearly signalled his intention to move away from domestic gold production to create a more internationalist group. Last year, a merger between the platinum interests of Gencor and Lonrho, in which it retains a 27 per cent stake, was over-ruled by the European Commission for duopoly reasons.

# Brussels seeks wider powers over jobs

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

BRUSSELS is proposing farreaching extensions of Europe's powers over jobs in new plans for employment tabled for this month's special EU summit.

Confidential proposals expected to be agreed at the summit in Amsterdam, which have been seen by The Times, give wide-ranging powers to Brussels to enforce employment decisions in each EU member state — including

The draft version of the "employment chapter" of the treaty on the future of the European Union, which is likely to be signed at Amsterdam, proposes a detailed mechanism under which member states will have to put into practice new proposals on employment from the European Commission, and will have to account annually for their implementation.

The unpublished employment chapter proposes a significant extension of European qualified majority voting (QMV) under which no individual EU member can veto a proposal. New measures brought forward under the employment chapter would be approved under QMV.

While the employment chapter itself puts forward no specific new initiatives on jobs, Eurosceptics and some busi-

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parallels between the mechanisms it is proposing and the original social chapter of the 1992 Maastricht treaty, which the Amsterdam treaty will

The UK Government is ready to agree to the proposed employment chapter at the EU summit on June 16 and 17. With only Germany opposed, ministers and officials believe that Amsterdam is likely to see the chapter agreed. Once ratified by the UK Parliament, the new treaty - including its employment chapter - would become law in Britain.

The jobs chapter commits EU member states to work towards a "co-ordinated strategy for employment", and says that member states "shall regard promoting employment as a matter of common concern". The draft document makes clear that the issue of jobs will now be applied to all EU matters: "The objective of a high level of employment shall be taken into consideration in the formulation and implementation of Commun-

ity policies." While this element alone of the proposed treaty gives Brussels very broad powers to apply the question of jobs to all economic and other EU policies, the draft treaty chapter on employment goes further

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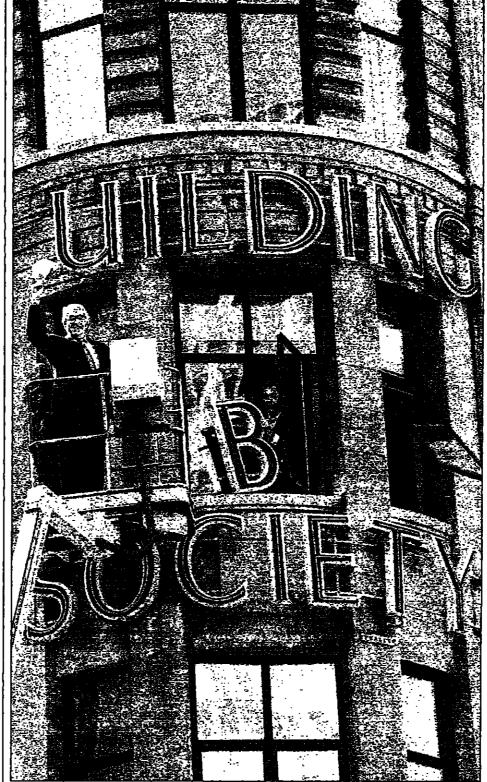
by proposing a detailed mechanism to deliver new legal initiatives on jobs.

It says that in operating the new employment chapter the EUs social affairs council, which meets later this month, would be able to draw up proposals on employment on a QMV basis, which EU member countries "shall take into account" in framing their own policies on jobs. Each EU member state would then be required to report annually to the social affairs council the steps it had taken to implement these policies.

The council, in turn, would then examine each country's report, and would have the power - again on the basis of QMV decisions — to "recommend" action to member states, which legally they would have to implement.

Finally, the social affairs council would have new powers under the employment chapter to "adopt incentive measures" on jobs, which member states would have to While the draft chapter

makes it clear that this would not involve any harmonisation of laws in individual member states, opponents of the proposed chapter believe that the measure would give Brussels extensive powers to spend money on new job programmes. Germany's opposition to the employment chapter is understood to rest on this issue.



Signing off: Mike Blackburn, left, and Jon Foulds at the London Wall branch

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# Retailers stand tery by to reap benefit of Halifax float Halifax float Halifax float Halifax float

By MARIANNE CURPHEY AND ANNE ASHWORTH

NEARLY eight million people will share in a £17 billion financial bonanza today when the Halifax Building Society floats on the stock market and becomes a bank.

The conversion of the UK's market leader in mortgages will enrich members by an average £2,300, although some could net more than £8,000.

Those who sell today using the Halifax's free share-dealing system will be able to withdraw their cash on Friday. The payout estimates have sparked hopes among retailers of a summer spend-

Heavy demand is expected for the shares in the first hours of trading. Conservative estimates put the opening share price at 700p, which would give an average bonus of E2,300 and a maximum payout of £8,267.

The value of stock market listed banks fell heavily on Friday amid profit-taking and reports that stocks were being sold short to deflate the sector's high rating in advance of the debut by the Halifax, where Jon Foulds is chairman and Mike Blackburn is chief executive. Barclays Stockbrokers be-

lieves that many shareholders may decide to retain their shares in the new bank, as it is expected that the Halifax could use its cash pile to pay a special dividend. This could

strengthen the price. Holiday companies, furniture retailers, do-it-yourself stores and carpet warehouses reported increased demand for their products after the demutualisation of the Alliance & Leicester in April, when members received an average £1,500.

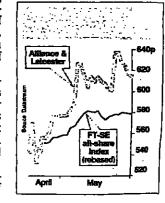
A&L shares, which closed

on Friday at 612p, down 2½p, have substantially outper-formed the FT-SE all-share index since then.

Thomson, the biggest holi-day company in the UK with a third of the market, said demand for up-market holidays, once-in-a-lifetime trips and long-haul packages had anticipation of a summer of building society conversions.

Thomson was so confident that the series of conversions this year would increase demand that it launched summer 1998 brochures six months earlier than normal.

A further two societies, the Woolwich and the Northern Rock will follow the Halifax to the stock market.



### Nadir seeks 'no arrest' pledge

By OLIVER AUGUST

ASIL NADIR, the tycoon wanted by the Serious Fraud Office, yesterday ruled out

returning to the UK.

But Mr Nadir, who fled
Britain while awaiting trial four years ago, insisted he was not a fugitive. Of the British authorities, he said: "I do not trust them sufficiently to have to go to Britain.

The tycoon is facing charges of theft and false accounting charges following the collapse of his £2.2 billion Polly Peck International empire. He fled to northern Cyprus, but recently transferred his remaining business operations to Turkey.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's Today programme last week Mr Nadir said that he hoped the Government would be "sufficiently brave to clear

Mr Nadir yesterday told Radio 5 Live: "I hope that the

sought for movie park WARNER Bros, the film stunew Government would find this fight of mine acceptable

dio, and United News & Media, the newspaper and ITV company, are searching for a new location for their £225 million theme park after deciding that obtaining planning permission at a site in northwest London would be too costly (Eric Reguly writes).

The theme park, to be called Movie World, was to have been built on a largely vacant, 150-acre site in the borough of Hillingdon, north of Heathrow airport. It was to open in the summer of 1999, creating about 1,000 permanent jobs, with attractions ranging from adventure rides and the "Dirty Harry Bar" to scenes and sets from famous British films. The site was to include a

working film studio. The hunt for a new site will put the project back by a year or more. United, owner of the Express newspaper titles, is considering other sites, including ones between London and Birmingham. Abandoned airfields are possibilities.



because if they can clear this

nonsense up, then the country

will be a place to live in."

He said that he would

return to the UK if he had a

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**Defeat for Littlewoods trust** By Sarah Cunningham

> THE pension trust of Littlewoods, the privately owned football pools to retailing business, has been forced to pay a former director up to £2 million in back pension payments and costs after los-

ing a two-year court battle. Littlewoods pension trust was ordered to make the payment to Prandip Guha. who was dismissed in October 1994 for alleged gross misconduct, after the case was taken to judicial review. Mr Guha's claim for alleged wrongful dismissal is contin-

Former director wins £2m pension jackpot

uing through the courts. Mr Guha, who was international director and deputy chief executive of Littlewoods, claimed more than £1.2 million from the pension trust. The court also awarded him interest and costs.

His dismissal helped to bring to light a power struggle within the company between family members and management. The struggle escalated Lottery hit the Littlewoods pools business. The company is now in the

process of buying the Freemans catalogue business from Sears and it is hoping to sell its 135-strong chain of high street shops. Mr Guha, who now operates

as a consultant in international manufacturing and trading. said he was relieved, but saddened that so much money and time had been spent on trying not to pay him,